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RITA SMITH

Albany council hopefuls will air opinions at debate

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — As the Nov. 7 election nears, the candidates vying for a two-year seat on the City Council will have a chance to prove themselves publicly in a three-way debate at the Albany Community Center next week.

And they should have plenty to discuss, since their interests vary as greatly as their experience.

The ideas of Rita Smith, a 61-year-old real estate agent, haven't changed much since her unsuccessful shot at a four-year seat in 1998.

She says her prime reason for running is to ease regulations in the city's building department. "I'm not sure how the system is working, but it's not an easy process," she said.

Securing higher pay for police is also high on her list of priorities. The salary range for police officers now ranges from \$46,428 to \$56,424 a year, but is higher for sergeants, lieutenants and other positions.

In part, Smith decided to get involved because of the absence of a city engineer and building inspector.

But some of her fears may be unfounded.

For instance, she claimed that when people want to renovate a building, for example, they need to bring their plans to a firm in Santa Rosa to see if they make code, but according to assistant

city administrator Ann Ritzma, nothing in the current system requires residents to make that trek. "People submit their plans here at the counter. We ship them off," Ritzma said.

Smith charged that while administration is "too top-heavy," the city is downsizing its maintenance crew. But according to personnel manager Mark Fox, "There's been no talk of downsizing the crew," which currently consists of seven people.

Smith said she is not planning on doing any campaigning, but that if she does it won't cost her more than \$1,000. "I'm doing nothing different than last time," she said.

The \$5-per-session paid to council members is not a disincentive for Smith. "If it works, I'm glad to put the time in," she said.

Another candidate, Mario DePrisco, said that wanting to give back to a community where he grew up with "great schools and experiences" is what drove him to run.

And if elected, he will certainly be the youngest council member the city has seen in recent memory.

DePrisco, a 24-year-old financial analyst, points to his 1997 experience as an intern in the city's administration office as prep-work for the position. "I did some modernization work, rewrote (a statute) on animal control, and worked on the city's Web site," among other things, he said.

funded by the reauthorization of the half cent transportation sales tax.

Plans call for \$32 million to Berkeley and \$4.5 million to Albany for "local streets and roads," according to the Alameda County Transportation Authority.

The measure would include six chief expenditures, explained Ketelle:

- Expanding BART in Alameda County.
- Expanding Altamont Commuter Express Rail service.
- Expanding countywide bus service, including AC Transit.
- Improvements to the freeways 880, 580, 680, 238 and 92.
- Extending special transit services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety.

The estimated total net revenue from Measure B (about \$1.4 billion) will be allocated as follows:

- 43 percent for mass transit projects.
- 24 percent for capital improvements to local streets and roads.
- 17 percent for improvements to highway infrastructure.
- 10 percent for special transit for seniors and disabled persons.

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Grants sought for creek restoration

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Someday El Cerrito may be known as "The City of Creeks," with residents enjoying restored urban creeks coming and going.

The City Council unanimously voted last week to apply for two state grants to restore Cerrito Creek at the south end of town and Baxter Creek at the north end of town.

The grant applications, \$350,000 to stabilize and restore Cerrito Creek and \$720,000 to purchase property and restore Baxter Creek, are co-sponsored by Friends of Five Creeks and Friends of Baxter Creek.

The Baxter Creek application is a joint request by El Cerrito, the City of Richmond and the Friends of Baxter Creek.

If granted, about \$450,000 out of a total of about \$1.8 million would be used to acquire the old railroad right-of-way east of San Pablo Avenue from Burling-

ton Northern.

The remaining funds would be used to buy property in Richmond west of San Pablo Avenue and then restore and extend the Ohlone linear park alongside Baxter Creek.

The council set a \$50,000 a year cap on city maintenance costs for the two creeks and a \$25,000 one-time cap for any additional environmental review work required for the projects.

"Extension of the Ohlone Greenway along Cerrito Creek on the south end of town and along Baxter Creek on the north end of El Cerrito creates a vital link in the 7-1/2-mile Ohlone regional trail system to the San Francisco Bay," said Planning Manager Jill Keimach in her report to the City Council.

In the case of Cerrito Creek along the south side parking lot of the El Cerrito Plaza, Keimach said the grant would al-

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Albany school district fills some top vacancies

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

The dust may finally be settling on the Albany School District, only months after it was stirred up during a staffing crisis last spring, when two key administrators left amidst restructuring and less than a year after the arrival of a new superintendent.

Early last year, the well-liked director of curriculum and instruction Marianne Camp decided to leave due to reorganization in the district — a move that caused 50 parents to protest before the Albany School Board.

Then, in May, assistant superintendent for business services and personnel Constance Hubbard, announced in May she was jumping ship for a position with the Piedmont Unified School District.

But much has changed since then, including several temporary fill-ins, and the final change in guard will likely take place later this month, when the district announces the arrival of a new deputy superintendent who will assume some of the duties formerly done by Hubbard.

The announcement comes soon after

the arrival of Walter Wallace, who joined the district as new assistant superintendent for administrative services and classified personnel in September.

According to Karen Carlson-Olson, an Albany parent of two, the time couldn't be more crucial for filling both positions.

A primary concern of hers is curriculum. She wants to ensure that middle and high school children do not become overburdened as more work is demanded of the teachers themselves. "It seems to me there's been so much pressure lately for teachers to add more and for kids to learn more," she said.

However, follow-through on past problems will also be an issue. "For both (administrators), parcel tax expenditures are important," she said.

A parcel tax passed last year was intended to fund new school programs, but partially went toward maintaining existing programs, instead. "Residents got very upset. There were lots of meetings," recalled Carlson-Olson.

Wallace described his duties as being

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Transit measure would fund long list of projects

By Lisa Coffey Mahoney
STAFF WRITER

The pros and cons of Alameda County's Measure B, which would reauthorize the continuation of the half-cent transportation sales tax that was approved by voters in 1986, was one focus of a League of Women Voters presentation last week in Piedmont. This tax expires in March 2002, unless approved by two-thirds of the voters in November.

"Funds raised since 1986 have provided revenues for transportation projects in all areas of Alameda County, including BART extensions, maintenance of local streets and roads and Alameda County and local transit services," said Robin Ketelle.

A yes vote on Measure B would mean that the Alameda County 20-Year Transportation Expenditure Plan would go into effect for 20 years, until March 2022,

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JOANNA JHANDA

El Cerrito High putting new portables in place

New modular classrooms to replace buildings in disrepair that were torn over the summer arrived in sections at El Cerrito High School last week. This week workers have been assembling and readying the rooms set up on the area behind the main school building (left). On Tuesday, worker Angel Narvaez worked in between two portables, bolting wood panels to the base of the structures.

WORTH CHECKING OUT

LWV forum on propositions

The pros and cons of the ballot propositions will be examined by the Richmond Area League of Women Voters at its membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 at El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave., El Cerrito.

Aroner speaking to ECDC

Assembly woman Dion Louise Aroner is the guest speaker when the El Cerrito Democratic Club holds its annual dinner at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14, at Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd. In addition, county Supervisor John Gioia will speak on "Smart Growth." Wine bar opens at 6 p.m., dinner is at 7 p.m. and the program is at 8 p.m. Cost is \$15 advance, \$17 at the door, and \$6 for children under 12. Details: 510-527-2194.

Solstice and Seasonal Mysteries

Celebrate Halloween and Day of the Dead with Ellie Fidler, teacher of the "Solstice and Seasonal Mysteries" series, and art and mythology at the University of California, from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 29 at a location in Albany. Myths, stories, animal spirits, music and special slide show. Tap into the origins of Halloween and create your own alchemical magic. Call 649-1971 for information and reservations. Costumes optional.



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THE WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS of El Cerrito artists Ken Siqueira and Charlotte Britton are among the works on display through Oct. 29 at the 17th annual "Watercolor California 2000," at the Hayward Arts Council's Green Shutter Gallery, 22654 Main St., between Foothill and Mission boulevards. Details: 510-782-1948 or 510-243-5028.

Short story contest

To celebrate Teen Read Week, the Albany library is having a short story writing contest for sixth to 12th graders. To enter, write a short story (no more than 3

pages) about the picture posted on the bulletin board in the Young Adult section at the Albany Library. Stories are

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Focus on Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

Let me tell you a love story. It starts with a young man from Guatemala named Jorge Sandoval who was brought to Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop by his mother when they first came to live in the East Bay. Shortly thereafter, this young fellow started working busing dishes there.

Everyone was so nice and friendly that he soon asked Doug Walker if he could start working in the kitchen. He soon was flipping pancakes with both hands and after he had learned the morning and lunch trade he asked if he could work the night shift and learn all there was to know about dinners. Doug taught him well and Jorge went to Contra Costa College Culinary School for two years to further his knowledge.

While all this was first starting Jorge met a lovely girl visiting her sister from Venezuela and guess where he took her on their first date? You are right; he took her to Walker's (there is no pie in Venezuela and she was pleasantly surprised). They quickly fell in love and were married and now have a beautiful 3-year-old named Emmeli.

Doug and Dolly Walker decided to sell the restaurant about the same time Jorge and Emma thought it was time for them to start a restaurant on their own. Neither couple knew of the others



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

THE NEW owners of Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop are Emma and Jorge Sandoval.

thoughts, and when they found out, voila! Kismet. All were delighted with the idea.

Since last November the Sandovals have owned and operated Walker's Pie Shop in the same home way as always. Remember

Jorge has been under that roof for 14 years, loves what he does and

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Truck found 2 blocks away minus contents

By K. Osborn
 CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the evening of Oct. 2 a resident on the 800 block of Washington Avenue reported that sometime between 11 p.m. the previous night and the time of the report thieves stole his daughter's white '96 Mitsubishi while it was parked in front of the house. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Oct. 4 a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported that during the night thieves stole his one-ton S6 blue Toyota truck, with a lumber rack, \$2,000 worth of lumber on top and a tool box, that was parked in front of the house. There were no witnesses. The resident called officers a few hours later to report finding the truck on the 1200 block of Neilson Street. The toolbox, some power tools and the license plate were missing. Officers gathered evidence and will continue to investigate.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 4 a Richmond man reported that thieves had stolen his black '99 electric motorcycle he had left on the 700 block of Masonic Avenue because the battery had died. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Oct. 4 a business owner on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that two men in their 20s were sitting on the floor of her business and she wanted them moved. Officers contacted the men and found that one of the men, a Bay Point man, had an outstanding war-

rant for possession of drugs in the amount of \$2,500. He was cited and released. Both men were sent on their way.

■ Officers responded to the 900 block of Stannage Avenue at about 2 a.m. on Oct. 6 on reports of family members chasing subjects that had tried to steal the caller's '94 Acura Legend. Officers followed the family members and found the subjects hiding in some bushes. They were arrested for grand theft, auto burglary, conspiracy and vandalism and were transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of Oct. 6 officers contacted an 18-year-old Berkeley man near Solano and Masonic Avenues because he was known to have outstanding warrants. A check found he had an outstanding "No Bail" warrant from the Juvenile Courts from when he was 17. He was arrested and transported to Juvenile Hall.

■ On the morning of Oct. 6 a resident on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue reported that his 18-year-old son had stolen his unloaded firearm that he had kept in a special case on an upper shelf in his closet. Officers took the report.

■ On the morning of Oct. 6 a resident on the 1000 block of Talbot Avenue informed officers that her husband had located their red '87 Toyota pickup that had been reported as stolen last month. She said that he had found it in Berkeley on Oct. 4 but had neglected to let Albany offi-

POLICE REPORT

cers know. The vehicle was stolen from the street.

■ On the evening of Oct. 6 officers stopped a white '78 Camaro near Cleveland and Washington Avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 19-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be on probation from Alameda County for possession of a controlled substance and vandalism out of Berkeley. He was arrested, cited and released with Notice to Appear.

■ At about 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 a resident reported that while his daughter and three other Alameda Middle School girls were walking home a subject threw frozen meat at them. One of the eggs hit her forehead in the face. The incident happened near Portland and Talbot Avenues and the subject was a vehicle with dark or covered windows. The woman only was an incident noted and would not go to school also.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 6 an officer stopped a white '94 Contour near San Pablo and Alameda Avenues for erratic driving. The driver, a 44-year-old Richmond man, was found to be intoxicated and failed the Field Sobriety Test and was arrested. A check found that he had an outstanding warrant from CHP and Berkeley police for 2000.

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Youths' brawl damages fast food place

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — The afternoon of Sept. 27 a brawl that broke out among a group of about 30 juveniles at the Jack-In-The-Box at 5920 Cutting Boulevard led to vandalism when the teens allegedly began tearing down ceiling panels and moldings, resulting in \$1,000 worth of damage.

According to a police report, an eighth grader from Adams Middle School was suspected of inciting the riot by starting a fist fight with another boy.

Two witnesses, a 30-year-old Jack-In-The-Box employee and a 12-year-old boy, said the suspect got off a bus at 2:50 p.m. with a 13-year-old boy, began provoking him outside the restaurant, and then attacked him once they were inside.

However, El Cerrito Sgt. Wayne Mann said he was not aware of any leads and that no one had been reprimanded. "It all happened so fast," he said.

■ Shortly after 11 p.m. on Oct. 5, three people were allegedly held up at gunpoint while walking down the sidewalk on the 5300 block of School Street.

Two women, 32 and 48, and an 81-year-old man told police that a man approached them, brandished

a firearm and demanded money from them. When the man handed over his wallet, the suspect fled in a gray late-1970s-vintage station wagon with a "boxy, lowered rear," according to the victims.

They described the suspect as 6-foot-tall black male in his early 20s, of medium build with short hair, wearing a blue and white striped "Fubu" jersey and black pants.

Mann said police are not aware of any suspects but issued a warning to other police agencies throughout the Bay Area.

■ The night of Oct. 5 someone allegedly tried to use a "modified" Toyota key to steal a 1988 Toyota Camry parked on the 6600 block of Cutting Boulevard, after breaking in through the front passenger door. According to police, the key broke off in the ignition and the person left the scene, leaving part of the key still in the ig-

nitiation. The repair cost for the lock and ignition cost \$200.

■ Around mid-afternoon on Oct. 2, the drivers window was smashed of a new four-door Honda Civic was parked on the 6600 block of Gatto Street.

■ The morning of Sept. 21 a year-old woman had her purse stolen from her purse, which she placed in a basket while she was shopping at Long's Drugs on 10th San Pablo Ave. No one was near her purse, and there were suspects at the time.

■ Sometime between the afternoon of Oct. 2 and the morning of Oct. 5, a red brick was used to smash the rear window of a Chevrolet parked in front of a building at 1100 San Pablo Ave.

Property valued at \$1,238

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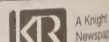


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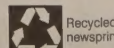
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Electronic polling places will allow early voting

Voting the high-tech way will be open now through Nov. 3

By Joaquin McPeck
STAFF WRITER

If you can't get to the polls on Election Day, Alameda County has a high-tech option this year that might be a more convenient alternative to the absentee ballot.

New electronic touch screen voting machines will be placed in five East Bay locations as part of the county's "Early Voting" program.

The new electronic touch screens, including one in the Berkeley City Clerk's office at 1900 Addison St., will allow any registered voter in Alameda County to vote at any of the five locations.

Each of the five locations will have five electronic "voting booths."

Before they can cast a ballot, registered voters will be asked to complete a form, akin to a request for an absentee ballot, according to the city clerk. Once a staff person verifies eligibility, the voter will be provided with a "smart card," an ATM-type card with a small microchip that has custom information about that person's district

including the exact ballot measures for the person's precinct.

After the voter has cast a ballot, the card is erased to be reactivated and reused for the next voter.

If a voter tries to vote again, the screen will read "invalid card," making it impossible for the person to vote twice.

"This system offers a lot more convenience to be able to go anywhere to cast their ballots, but what's great is that there will be no voter information on the card," said Brad Clark of the Alameda County Registrar of Voters.

Global Election Systems of McKinney, Texas manufactures the high-tech machines, which cost around \$3,000 each.

In March of 1999, Piedmont became the first city in California to take advantage of GES's new electronic absentee ballot system, which was recently certified by the California Secretary of State's Office.

Close to 80,000 voters in Alameda County used the new voting system in this year's primary, which gives GES a sign that this new style of voting might be catching on.

"I think it will pick up momentum over the course of future elections," said Steve Knecht of GES.

Knecht stressed that the machines are making a historic step, because not only will someone be able to cast their votes electronically, but for the first time, the electronic ballot will be accessible and user friendly to the handicapped and visually impaired.

Visually impaired voters will have access to headphones that will plug into the machines and voice the ballot in three languages, English, Spanish, and Chinese.

A 10-key pad, set up exactly like a touch-tone telephone pad, attached to the machine will also allow the visually impaired to cast a vote, even make a write-in choice if they decide to do so.

One of the machines will also be wheelchair accessible and user friendly for handicapped voters.

"What's great about this is that it will be the first opportunity that a person with a disability can now vote without assistance," said Clark.

There is a function on the touch screen that notifies the voter who has chosen the maximum amount of votes on a specific item (for example, select any three candidates for Rent Board), by eliminating the other choices automatically, making it more difficult to make a mistake.

Voters can also go back and re-

view their ballot and can even skip races and measures.

"Alameda is the first to have this, and it's a great place to do it. It has a diverse voter population which gives us an excellent opportunity to see a broad response to it," said Knecht.

The city thinks it will also be an advantage for the work force coming to Berkeley. "People can come down during their lunch or in the middle of the week and not have to stand in a long line, or have to hunt down their nearest polling place," said City Clerk Sherry Kelly.

The only disadvantage is that the city will not be able to use this system for a run-off, which may affect Berkeley where two of the districts each have five candidates running for City Council.

If a run-off does occur, voting will be done the traditional way.

"What's nice is that it will save money on paper and it will cut down on the time it takes to vote if the voter is well prepared," said Kelly.

The City Clerk Department is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and voting via the electronic polls runs through Nov. 3.

Early voting will also be available at City Clerk Offices in the cities of



RICHARD GENTRY demonstrates the new electronic voting booths in Berkeley's City Hall.

JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

Alameda, Fremont and Livermore, as well as at the Alameda County Registrar of Voters' Office, 1225 Fallon St., in Oakland.

Anyone wishing to vote after Nov. 3 but prior to Election Day, Novem-

ber 7, will be required to go in person to the Registrar's Office.

For more information, contact the Alameda County Registrar of Voters at 510-663-8683.

NEWS BRIEFS

Albany Fire Dept. inviting the public to breakfast and open house

ALBANY — The Albany Fire Department is winding up National Fire Prevention Week, which runs from Oct. 8 through Oct. 14, by inviting the public to a pancake breakfast and open house at the fire station from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. Firefighters will hold several different events to promote fire prevention and disaster awareness, and children will be able to see the facilities and climb on the fire trucks.

"We're going to have a live fire demonstration and will demonstrate using exits and putting out fires on stoves," said Albany firefighter/paramedic Eric Agee.

The event also will provide an opportunity for people to sign up for CPR and first aid classes.

"We're also going to do some education on disaster preparedness and give away prizes," Agee said, so those who attend may walk away with a new smoke detector, fire extinguisher or bike helmet.

Representatives from some local agencies, including the Earthquake Store and Best Fire Service, will be present to discuss related issues with residents.

For more information, contact Agee, James Jorgensen or Capt. Dusty Wiggins at 510-528-5770.

Thank-you night to be held for El Cerrito soccer coach, clinician

EL CERRITO — Robert Sackey is the respected coach of the El Cerrito High School girls' soccer team and well-loved soccer clinician for the El Cerrito Soccer League. Many girls aspire to be on his team one day — a very worthy goal, say soccer parents,

who call Sackey a "behind-the-scenes" worker whose dedication to the league and hours spent — off-season as well as during the regular soccer season — helping players and coaches with skill development often go unnoticed. He also teaches the valuable lesson of having "fun with the game."

Soccer players, parents and supporters are invited to come give Robert Sackey a big "thank you" for his significant contribution to the local soccer community at an appreciation night — which will include dessert and beverages — to be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Arlington Park Clubhouse on Arlington Avenue near Moers Lane in El Cerrito.

Organizers plan to give Sackey a monetary gift in appreciation of his work. Contact Paula Lew at 510-525-3346, or Teri Mortimer at 520-642-3537 (work) or 510-525-8070 (home), for details or to RSVP by the Tuesday, Oct. 17, deadline. Those who wish to attend can also send e-mail to teri@haas.berkeley.edu.

Eagles holding Oct. 28 Halloween dance

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, Bayview Aerie No. 2323 is holding a Halloween Dance from 8 p.m. to midnight (Doors open at 7 p.m.) on Friday, Oct. 27, with music by the Jimmie James Band at the Eagles Hall, 3223 Carlson Blvd., in El Cerrito. There will be a raffle, door prizes and refreshments. Come in costume or come as you are. Admission is a \$5 donation at the door. Proceeds go to charity for prevention of child abuse. Details: 510-525-0444.

Station to air forum on Measure M

West Contra Costa schools trustee George Harris III and parent Kevin Rivard will debate Wednesday in a

televised forum over a \$150 million school facilities bond measure on November's ballot.

The two will answer questions about Measure M on the live show from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Richmond City Council Chambers, 2600 Barrett Ave., third floor. The public is welcome to attend.

It is the second forum on Measure M to be held on Richmond's cable TV station, KCRT. The station shelved the first forum, sponsored by the Alliance for Public Education, saying it was one-sided. Once the second forum airs, the station plans to run both as the Nov. 7 election approaches.

For air times, call 510-620-6759.

Relive a Gold Rush experience at free program

The El Cerrito Library is presenting a free program of California Gold Rush history at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre for adults, teens, and children in grade four and up.

Dr. Sandra Kamusikiri brings to life Gold Rush character Biddy Mason, a prominent African-American woman in Los Angeles history, in a Chautauqua History Alive! program at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave. No tickets are necessary for this free performance but

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Fessenden Firewood is well aware that the burning of firewood does contribute to air pollution, yet their resources and knowledge of the business can offset steps the wood-burner can take

to maximize air quality and the efficiency of the fireplace.

"First, some woods are much cleaner burning than others," they say. For that reason Fessenden sells primarily the more clean burning Oak and Almond. Other good woods for this are Cedar and Madrone. "Secondly, the firewood should be really well seasoned. This is because seasoned wood burns much hotter, so there is more complete combustion and hence less resultant air pollution." "Thirdly, wood-burners are encouraged to have their chimney swept regularly."

Fessenden has developed a climate of trust between the buyer and the seller by selling correctly measured full, half and quarter cords. "We have a lot of experience to draw on, and can answer most firewood related questions," Chris says. "We are a throw back to the way business was done 50 years ago - an old-fashioned 'Mom and Pop' operation that

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by Laura Fischer

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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

A vote for Nader: Worthy, not wasted

By Jason Gentry

Many Americans agree that one presidential candidate shines above the rest - a candidate whose 40-year track record fighting for justice and fairness in this country has been instrumental in creating the modern environmental, consumer and safety movements.

Add to this, moral integrity unparalleled in the modern political scene, and clearly this presidential election offers voters the opportunity to elect a leader they can feel good about.

So why are many Americans slow to support this exceptional candidate? Though interested and inspired by Ralph Nader's bid for presidency, many voters are unsure how their Nader vote will affect the balance of the traditionally two-party race.

One thing is clear: ballots cast for Mr. Nader will be the most meaningful cast this November.

The power to create change

Only one thing can force the Democratic Party to return to its progressive roots and that is if it is forced to earn the progressive vote, rather than continuing to take it for granted.

Every vote for Ralph Nader helps prevent the Democrats from Republicanizing.

That's right, your vote has the power to do that, to change the direction of the Democratic Party.

To simply vote for them, whatever they stand for, is to throw that power away.

If you believe in the Democratic Party, but are not happy with their new Republican looks, let them know.

Vote with your beliefs and conscience and stop chasing the Democrats.

Make the Democrats start chasing after you.

Voting for Al Gore simply to vote against George Bush guarantees, at best, a continuation of the status quo, maintaining the current political system and the policies it has produced over the past 20 years.

So if you're happy with the way things are, then by all means, vote for Al Gore (or George Bush) since they genuinely represent you.

But if you think that government could be, and should be, more, then a half-hearted vote for either major party candidate is really throwing your vote away because it ensures that there won't be any meaningful political change and you won't have sent a message about your dissatisfaction with the current policies.

Think about the issues that concern you - education, the environment, campaign finance reform, for example.

Now, don't just evaluate whether the Democrats are doing better than the Republicans on these issues (or vice versa), think about whether either party is doing enough.

If you want more than what has been offered, then ask yourself, when will you stand up for what you believe in and say enough is enough? How bad does it have to get before you will not vote for them? Some may still say that it's too risky to vote for Nader when a Republican is neck in neck at the polls.

But when will that not be the case? Is it always to be predetermined that a centrist Democratic Party is the best we can hope for? America has survived Nixon, Reagan and Bush Sr. and it can survive four years of the junior Bush.

But can we survive living without a political party that stands up for ordinary workers, the environment, minorities and the working poor? A vote for Nader is a vote for America's workers, consumers and taxpayers that are being increasingly ignored by big money politics.

What about possible Supreme Court appointments?

Yes, it's possible that there may be Supreme Court appointments upcoming, just as in most every

presidential term.

Does that mean that we simply should vote for Al Gore because he might pick a judge who might turn out to be OK? History has shown that having a Democratic president does not ensure liberal Supreme Court appointments.

Also, once appointed, justices often become amazingly independent.

Seven of the nine existing justices are Republican appointments, yet the Roe v. Wade decision still stands. And, the court's liberal core (Souter, Stevens) is there because of Republican presidents, not Democrats.

Furthermore, Bush's recent Texas court appointments have been quite centrist, while Gore's record protecting "choice" isn't strong.

All of this means that, contrary to the rumors, this election is not particularly critical in the preservation of abortion rights. When asked about this subject in the Sept 14 issue of Rolling Stone, Ralph Nader responded "Well, think of the low level of expectations ... You've got military weapons proliferation, massive world hunger and starvation, global infectious diseases coming this way in drug-resistant form. You've got the majority of workers in this country making less money in real terms than they did in 1979, notwithstanding a booming economy. You've got 20 percent child poverty in this country, massive homelessness and inadequate housing.

"You've got \$6.2 trillion in consumer (over) debt, an epidemic of corporate crime, a labor movement that's weaker than it's ever been, obstructed by laws that make it impossible to form trade unions in the private sector.

"You've got hundreds of billions of dollars going to corporate welfare every year, meaning that citizens are gouged not just as consumers but as taxpayers.

"And you put this up against Roe vs. Wade. And you say that all these other things don't count, because you want to preserve Roe vs. Wade. That is a snare and a delusion."

The Nader vote is not a wasted vote

The argument that voting for a third-party candidate is simply a wasted vote is based on a pretty thin assumption: the idea that if your candidate doesn't win, your vote was wasted.

Obviously, this isn't true since in every election almost half of the voters choose the losing candidate and their votes are hardly considered wasted.

And this isn't just because their candidates at least had a chance of winning.

Several recent presidential candidates have had virtually no chance of winning but still received an enormous number of votes: Mondale in '84, Dukakis in '88, Perot in '92 and to a lesser extent, Dole in '96.

In each of these cases, even when it was clear that the candidate had no real chance of winning, millions voted for the candidate anyway because he best represented their views.

And, don't be concerned that your Nader vote will help George Bush get elected.

Al Gore has a huge lead in California and even the Bush camp has privately conceded that there is no way Bush can win the state. In addition, your support of Ralph Nader in November will be noticed. Third-parties arise because the voters' needs are not being met by the major parties and third-party candidates don't have to win to be successful.

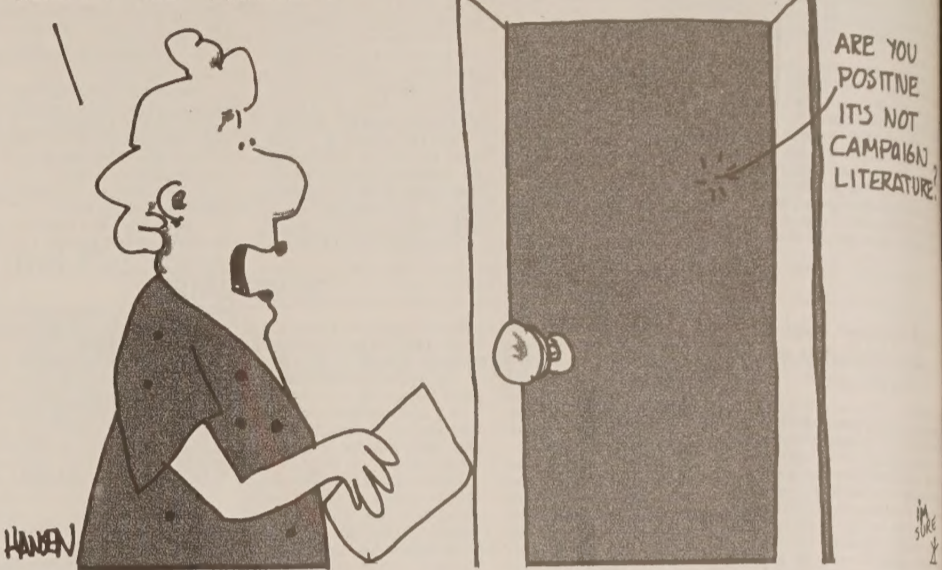
By cornering a significant number of votes, a third-party candidate can springboard issues onto the political agenda and convince other parties to adopt the issue as their own.

Many of the greatest reforms in U.S. history - women's right to vote, abolition of slavery, and

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ABSENTEE VOTERS: DON'T FORGET YOUR BALLOTS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Medicare, prescription drug reforms

Currently, there are 1.3 million non-elderly disabled Americans on SSDI. Of this population, nearly 400,000 became eligible through a "mental disorder" under Social Security's medically determinable eligibility standards.

The National Alliance for the Medically Ill wants a Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drug Benefit.

1. Congress should ensure that any prescription drug program offered as part of, or as a supplement to, Medicare be made available to non-elderly SSDI beneficiaries under the same terms and conditions as those for seniors.

2. Prescription drug coverage under Medicare should be accompanied by the enactment of parity for mental illness benefits.

3. NAMI believes that a Medicare outpatient prescription drug benefit should be a national program benefit that is standardized throughout the country.

4. Coverage should be adequate to finance the most expensive drugs for the treatment of serious and persistent mental illness.

5. Medicare prescription drug formulary policies should not interfere with access to the newest and most effective medications for serious brain disorders such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

Our children's lives are at stake

A study released by Berkeley's Public Health Institute, indicating that one-third of California's teens are at risk for serious health problems such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes "by their early 30s," based on diet, came as no surprise.

It has become a national disgrace of sorts; how junk food is cleverly marketed, made available at every corner, and supported at public functions; used as rewards for good behavior or performance at school and at home with barely the blink of an eye. As these habits progress, our kids can't concentrate and can't relax; physically, mentally or spiritually. It can't be conveniently discharged by running it off either; all the exercise in the world won't ever address the debilitating effects of long-term consumption of processed junk on a child's developing immune system and brain.

Is this report a wake-up call to those who truly care about our children; parents, teachers, school administrators and city officials? While we have begun to develop food education in our schools on one hand, we haven't done enough to support these efforts in other ways. Let's get working - our children's very lives are at stake!

Michael Bauce

Social negligence

California will pay people to leave its own schools, should Proposition 38 be approved in November.

If it passes, the state taxpayers will subsidize (to a considerable extent) the private education of a minority of students, even at the expense of the majority - whose public schools would be debilitated under the guise of "choice" and "smaller, safer, classes."

An analogy comes to mind: Given the requirements of public street maintenance, would you respond to that situation by having the taxpayers pay for private roads for a select few? Such is the logic of school vouchers: self-serving privilege and social negligence.

Dennis Walton

Open door to students

In the last few weeks, we've had 20 UC Berkeley graduate students visit our house to inquire about renting one of our rooms. Also, we received 75 calls from students who were desperate for housing.

It occurred to us that throughout the residential neighborhoods of the whole East Bay area, there are countless homeowners who probably have extra rooms that they could rent to hardworking students.

During World War II, Korea and afterwards, our civilians opened their doors to servicemen at holidays to share dinners and accommodations. Our charity knew no end. Many soldiers and sailors eventually went on to college and for years kept in contact with their surrogate families.

Couldn't we have the same faith in our dedicated graduate students who are now another kind of soldier? They, too, are at battle, preparing for a highly competitive world as they study in a home away from home.

As the Bay Area becomes increasingly overcrowded, it behooves us to open our doors and our hearts to these college students who are the future of our nation.

Barbara de Roo
James Robbins
El Cerrito

Inadequate supplies

President Bill Clinton, acting upon a request from presidential candidate Al Gore, ordered the release of crude oil from the U.S. strategic crude oil reserve in an announced attempt to drive down oil prices.

The strategic crude oil reserve was created in 1973. A partial drawdown was ordered in response because of a supply disruption from the Middle East caused by the Gulf War.

Energy Secretary Bill Richardson stated, in a Washington Post story, that U.S. refineries have plenty of room now to refine crude oil to

produce gasoline and heating oil.

This statement is contradicted by data reported in the Sept. 18 issue of The Oil and Gas Journal. In this publication, it was reported that U.S. refineries continue to run at 96-97 percent of capacity.

To produce enough distillate (heating oil) and gasoline to rebuild both low inventories and meet current demand seems to be impossible. Refiners will be busy just to meet current demand. Any increase in supply from the strategic emergency supply or from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries will not correct current U.S. supply-and-demand problems of heating oil and gasoline.

Global crude oil prices have increased in the past year from about \$10 to \$37 per barrel. Global demand has been about 76 million barrels per day. The International Energy Agency projected fourth-quarter demand at 78.5 barrels per day.

In the United States, we consume about 20 million barrels per day and we must import about 60 percent of that oil.

It appears that supplies will continue to be inadequate and prices will increase to meet the demand.

George L. Gates
El Cerrito

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

Volunteers reach out and touch shut-ins by phone

One question I'm asked all the time is "Where do you get ideas for things to write about?" Answer: Often, they come from you readers.

Readers like Dorothy Snodgrass, who told me about a wonderful organization she volunteers with called Tele-Care.

It's a project of the Alta Bates Medical Center. Every day, week-ends and holidays included, Tele-Care volunteers phone 300 to 400 people who are homebound or isolated. These volunteers include students, and disabled people. They make sure they're OK and ask if there's anything they need. They also send them cards on their birthdays, Christmas, and on other holidays.

For many of these people, their phone call from Tele-Care is the only contact they will have with another person all day. And for a few, it's literally a lifesaver — the man whose Tele-Care volunteer made his apartment house manager open the door when he was lying unconscious in bed for days, and he would never have discovered otherwise.

Who are Tele-Care's clients?



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

None other than "The Greatest Generation," the GIs and the Rosie the Riveters of World War II.

They sacrificed their youth to save us from Hitler. Now that they're in their twilight years, what is their reward? Isolation. Most of their friends and loved ones have gone on before them. As one woman, who suffers excruciating pain every day, said, "The pain is nothing compared to the loneliness."

We all talk a good game about how much we revere these heroes, to whom we owe our freedom and our very lives. Now's our chance to put up or shut up.

Tele-Care is entirely funded by private donations, and the volunteers contribute their own time. It costs a whopping 20 cents per client per day. Can you think of another program that does so much good for so little money?

If you'd like to contribute, send

your check (tax-deductible, of course) to Tele-Care, 2850 Telegraph Ave., Room 1010-B, Berkeley 94705. Even though it's located in Berkeley, Tele-Care serves clients all over the Bay Area, including Oakland, Albany, El Cerrito and Kensington.

"We're also looking for donations in kind," says director Sabra Learned. "Especially flowers. We'd like to send our clients flowers or candy on their birthdays. So if there are any florists or candy stores out there who could give me a break on the price, I'd sure appreciate it."

And if you'd like to volunteer to make some calls yourself, give her a buzz at 510-204-4487. Currently, their oldest volunteer is 91 years old; the youngest is 15. "It's tremendously rewarding for our volunteers," says Learned. "Many of them form extremely close bonds with their clients."

And if you belong to a club, this would be a great project for your group to take on. "Last Christmas, the congregation of Temple Beth El did all our holiday cards," says Learned. "They signed, stamped, sealed and addressed each one." (The cards came from Paper Out-

let, which gave Tele-Care a huge break on the price.)

And, of course, if you yourself would like to become a Tele-Care client — or if you know someone who would — call that same number.

Tele-Care has been honored by the American Hospital Association, the National Volunteer Awards, and the J.C. Penney Golden Rule Award, to name just a few. And this month, it's celebrating its 30th birthday.

Long may it prosper — especially since you and I (if we're lucky) will someday be among its clients. If that isn't an incentive for us to support it, I don't know what is.

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Meanwhile, the World War II Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet will play host next week to a memorial of another war: the Vietnam Moving Wall.

This is an exact, half-scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., and it travels from city to city for the benefit of those who can't get back to our nation's capital.

I saw the Moving Wall when it visited Berkeley three years ago,

and let me tell you: It packs just as much emotional wallop as the original.

Curiously, I didn't think so at first. I went to the dedication ceremony when it first arrived in Berkeley; but it had no meaning for me. It was just a wall with a bunch of names on it.

But when I went back a couple of days later, the atmosphere was completely different. It was like being in church.

I saw family members reaching out to the wall to touch the names of their loved ones. I saw strangers embracing. I saw grown men crying.

And I saw the letters and poems and photos and baby booties that people had left at the base of the wall, accompanied by notes that tore at the heart.

I can still remember two of them, even after all these years. One read, "John E. Little, April 16, 1966. Although I never met you, I think about you almost every day of my life. I'm glad you made it to Berkeley. Your son, Chris."

And the other read, "For all who pass this way: Thank God for your families, your life, your freedom. For you and country, we gave all."

These people, in their grief, had transformed that little patch of earth in downtown Berkeley into hallowed ground. Lincoln, as usual, said it best: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here. But it can never forget what they did here."

The Moving Wall will be on the dock, right next to the Hornet, at Alameda Point (the former Alameda Naval Air Station) from Oct. 20 through the 26. It will be open to the public at no cost, 24 hours a day.

The opening ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Oct. 20, with a candlelight vigil from 8 to 9 p.m. on the 24th and the closing ceremony at 2 p.m. on Oct. 26.

If you possibly can, I urge you to see it. Not for nothing is it known as "The Wall That Heals." Even though it will only be here for a week, here's hoping that those who suffered (and continue to suffer) from that terrible war will remain in our hearts 365 days a year.

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RONNIE CAPLANE

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you jump wrong, you could really hurt yourself. Last week I would have been in trouble. But this week, I know to turn a three-quarters somersault in the air and land on my back. And if, on the other hand, that chase scene takes place in a parking lot, with this book in

hand, I could break into a car, hot-wire it, ram another car and make a speeding 180-degree turn.

I could even run along the top of a moving train and get inside.

Should I ever have to fight off an alligator, I know to smack it in the nose but if it's a shark that's coming my way, then I'll go for the eyes and gills. Having all this information made me feel like I did when I took a CPR course and prowled the streets waiting for someone to have a heart attack or choke on a piece of meat, so I could be a hero. But even now, as I

waited for the opportunity to rescue someone from life's unexpected perils, I had to admit that my 50-plus years I have never known anyone who was charged by a bull, bitten by a poisonous snake or fell into quicksand.

It's not like I don't have experience with some worse case scenarios but my real life versions are a whole lot less exciting than being caught in an avalanche or being swarmed by killer bees. Sure they make you sweat and panic and raise your blood pressure, but no one writes books about how to

handle them.

For instance, you're seven months pregnant and alone in your car on the freeway. Outside it's snowing and traffic is at a standstill. It's taken you an-hour-and-a-half to travel three miles, you still another six to go and you have to go to the bathroom. In fact you have to go so badly that you're sure if you don't do something immediately, your bladder will rupture and you'll die. The only things in the car are a plastic litterbag, yesterday's newspaper and napkins left over from your last trip to

McDonald's. What do you do?

Or, you're driving to an important business meeting. While making a turn you put your mug of coffee between your legs. Next thing you know you hit a pothole and coffee sloshes all over your beige pants.

Fortunately you have a briefcase which you hold in front of you as you slip into the meeting and grab a seat in the back. You think fast and come up with a plan. At the mid-morning break you'll wash

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Educator finds her niche as tutor, part-time teacher

Suzanne Conrad's life started interestingly. Born in Spokane, Wash., she grew up in the silencing district in Northern California, "way up in a canyon" where every playmate she had was an angry one. Her father, you see, was a family's silver mine.

She arrived in Sacramento in junior year in high school she faced severe culture shock.

In college she majored in German, and spent one school year in Germany. She started college in Sacramento State University, and received her teaching credential at San Francisco State.

Her focus: to place teachers in

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

inter-city schools. This was a time when the teachers were on strike and the schools were chaotic. She was placed in San Francisco first, and it was such a traumatic experience that she quit and went to India.

Why India? She had been studying Hindi, and had a great interest in the country. She spent time with teachers and other families, and was able to travel with a woman who was a home economist, who went from village to village to study nutrition.

interest and participation in our democracy is so important.

Thousands of voters are energized this November because of Mr. Nader's hard-earned position as a strong third-party candidate.

By voting for Ralph Nader, we can help revitalize our democracy and send a strong message to Washington that we demand something more than "business as usual" politics.

A poor showing for Ralph Nader in November will once again reinforce the concept that progressive, reform-minded people have no place in running the country. But that's exactly where they're needed most.

Fuel the flames of change and vote for new energy and optimism to inspire the next generation of citizen-voters.

For more information on Ralph Nader's candidacy, see www.vote-nader.org or call (415) 701-1389.

For information on the Green Party, see www.greens.org/california or call (510) 644-2293.

Jason Gentry is a Bay Area resident who is volunteering 20 hours a week to support the Ralph Nader campaign and can be reached at 1423 Stannage Ave., Berkeley 94702 or (925) 463-4473 (work phone).

Returning, she taught in the Albany Children's Center, then started her own school in the mountains in Georgetown, and ran it for a year, then took a job as director of a school in Oakland. For a change in career she went to chiropractic school in 1983, and practiced for 10 years, from 1987 to 1997. It was when she was just starting her chiropractic career that I first met her, writing about her foray into the business.

After 10 years she'd had so many injuries: hand, elbow, back, that she couldn't work, which was a blessing, because she was burning out, so she renewed her credential, first teaching fifth graders who were at risk and going into the sixth grade. Then she started tutoring with Reach for Learning, a nonprofit tutorial place for private students. And she loves it. She showed me her tutoring room — a small room with a small round table and shelves for her tutoring aids, everything at hand. It is quiet and attractive. She said the students she tutors love and thrive in it. Her visual aids include plastic clear blue and green sheets. The children read through them and, somehow, the color makes it easier for her students — especially those with dyslexia — to focus. The blue one, especially. She really cannot explain why.

This summer the Albany school district asked her to teach summer school. She taught sixth grade children 7 to 13 years of age. They called her again before school started this year, asking her to take a job share. She was delighted to accept. She teaches 20 percent of the time, while the other person teaches 80 percent of the time. That means that she goes in one day a week, while the other teacher takes four days. They meet often on week ends to integrate what they are doing. They teach the second grade. And it is working. It gives the other teacher a break, and is a good cure for burnout. And for Suzanne, it keeps her in the classroom, and still leaves time for her tutoring.

It was her work as a tutor that interested me, and it is obvious that it is her great love. But she stays busy in many other ways, also. She took 120 hours of training to become a docent at the Audubon Canyon Ranch in Bolinas. They have two seasons, spring and fall. Spring is when the egrets and herons are nesting, and if you've never seen it, it is a sight to fill the heart. "So close to nature," she says, "It is where my spirituality is, and it is so wonderful to get the kids excited about it!"

Suzanne's husband is Larry Fitzsimons, a computer engineer

They celebrated their 13th anniversary recently. Her son and stepsons went through Cornell School in Albany. Stepson Eric is going to St. Olaf College in Marin, where he went to be in one of the choirs. Chris is a senior at Albany High School, while her own son, Mario, is now running for the City Council in Albany.

Speaking of son Mario Di Prisco's campaign, she says she is astounded by how much work the volunteers are doing. "I am amazed that they want to do so much," she says.

"I always had a commitment to doing public service," she says, and feels that her tutoring is very rewarding. She takes classes to enhance her work. She has taken classes on how to tutor, on dyslexia and other learning disabilities.

Suzanne Conrad's approach to life fascinates me. She has never lost her desire to be of service to people, and hasn't been afraid to take chances trying other things when one thing goes wrong. She seems supremely happy now with her work — in school and in home tutoring, and that is happiness, indeed.

Chatting with Suzanne Conrad at a political reception led to this interview. And I enjoyed it fully. She is a delightful interviewee. Please do give me your input: Interesting people, mostly. There are so many in this area. Tell me about your favorites. Also events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is cr-genser@aol.com.

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During the eight-hour workday, four workweek — were all elected by third-parties. (As for whether third parties can become major parties, today's Republican Party got its start as a third-party party in 1856.)

The future

Lastly, voting for Mr. Nader has important and lasting effects well beyond the elections of 2000.

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Nowhere is the pain of this fall more apparent than in our school facilities. We would probably never expose our children at home to some of the situations confronted in many of our schools: leaky roofs, cracked and unsafe playgrounds, and aging heating and cooling systems. Our schools

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

are overcrowded.

I know that you are concerned about these conditions. When you elected me to the school board I had the opportunity to talk with you as I walked your neighborhoods and in meetings throughout the district. I pledged that I would seek funding to do the urgent repairs our schools need.

In June of 1998 we accomplished what many thought would be impossible. We passed our district's first school bond in over 30 years, Measure E.

Measure E provided \$40 million for urgent projects and has helped the district leverage substantial state funding. However, neighboring school districts, some with many fewer students, have authorized far greater investments in their schools. Berkeley Unified (9,500 students) has authorized \$158 million with another \$116.5 million measure on this November's ballot; Livermore Valley (12,847 students) has authorized \$150 million; and San

Jose (32,750 students) has authorized \$165 million. Our district currently serves close to 33,000 students and is projected to grow further over the next several years.

Faced with the daunting challenge of school repair and renovation, the school board held five town hall meetings in May regarding school facilities. The input was overwhelming in terms of the need for immediate action. The district also contracted with Jack Schreder and Associates, one of California's best-recognized school facilities consultants, to facilitate the development of a Long Range Facilities Master Plan. In the course of plan de-

velopment, the team visited each district school site. Their findings were breathtaking even for those familiar with our deep needs. The average age of our schools is almost 50 years old; many are overcrowded with enrollment having increased by 3,000 students in the last three years alone. The study revealed over \$500 million dollars in unmet facilities needs.

This is an amount that the district simply won't be able to raise right way. But that doesn't mean that we can't start systematically turning our schools around.

The next step in our rebuilding effort is Measure M, a \$150 million gen-

eral obligation bond measure to realize our elementary schools. Measure M funds will be used to repair and upgrade elementary schools, new classrooms, wire every school for internet, renovate bathrooms, replace leaking roofs and outdated fire systems, and provide for seismic upgrades.

To date, the campaign for Measure M has generated unprecedented community support. The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association, the

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ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein
CORRESPONDENT

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Albany PTA Council

■ Oct. 23, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library
■ October 23-29, California State PTA Red Ribbon Week to educate youth about the risks of tobacco, alcohol and drug use.

■ November 7, VOTE NO ON PROPOSITION 38, SCHOOL VOUCHERS (California State PTA position)

MacGregor High School

Oct. 19, Back to School Night, 7 p.m.

Albany High School

■ Join AHS PTA and receive the daily bulletin and important announcements by e-mail. Contact Ruth Gjerdie at ruthg@eecs.berkeley.edu

■ SCRIP Orders: Safeway and Andronico's scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Old Navy scrip is now available from eScrip. We are selling Natural Grocery scrip, and arranging for Albertson's Community Partners cards. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lum at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at cho.pn.lo@cho.org or Belinda at belum@pacbell.net

■ Oct. 9-13, Homecoming Week
■ Oct. 14, Homecoming Dance, 8 p.m.-Midnight, Ocean View Elementary Gym

October 17, Athletic Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room TBA
■ Oct. 18, College Night, 7:30 p.m., Little Theater

Albany Middle School

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Oct. 2, Principal's Coffee, 8 AM, AMS Room 112, All Parents Welcome

■ Oct. 18, Meeting with Food Service Director Shonie Aki, 5:30 PM, AMS Library, parents welcome

■ Oct. 19, seventh grade potluck

■ Oct. 27, sixth grade Halloween Party, 1-3 p.m., Sixth Grade Hall

Cornell Elementary

■ SCRIP sales: Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. Natural Grocery and Berkeley Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ Oct. 17, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

Marin Elementary School

■ SCRIP for sale Monday and Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times. Orders can be placed in office at any time. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (1-800-400-7878).

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■ Reminder: Please remember to save and turn in General Mills box-tops for education to office.

■ Oct. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

Ocean View Elementary

■ SCRIP for sale Wednesday mornings before school on playground; ask for Kim Denton. SCRIP can also be ordered from office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.

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■ Oct. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library

AUSD Board of Education

■ Oct. 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

■ Nov. 7, AUSD opposes Proposition 38, school vouchers

AUSD Calendar

Oct. 16, Staff Development, NO SCHOOL

League of Women Voters

■ Oct. 17, Candidate's Debate, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Albany Community Center

■ Albany School Board (2 seats), Albany City Council (3 seats)

■ Nov. 2, Mock Election at Albany High School, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Call Karen deHart, social studies chair at 510-559-6550 ext. 4120

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Bayside Council of PTAs

■ Oct. 16, A walk through the taxes with California State PTA Treasurer Carla Nino, 7 p.m. at the County Office of Education, 77 Santa Barbara Rd. in Pleasant Hill.

■ Nov. 6, meeting - PTA Program Night, 7 p.m. at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann Dr. in Pinole.

Adams Middle School

■ Oct. 11, PTA meeting - 7p.m. Wednesday, in the school library. Agenda items - Academy updates and PTA membership dinner in December.

■ SCRIP sales - Adams is enrolled in the eScrip program. Adams group ID is 4654695. Individual members pay an annual fee of \$10 to register their Safeway loyalty card or other credit cards with eScrip. Once registered, a percentage of the supporters' purchases made with their registered cards is contributed by the merchant partner to Adams on a monthly basis. The following local merchants participate in the eScrip program: Payless Shoes, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, Chevron, Cody's Books, Andronico's, Safeway. Call 800-592-0942 or register online at www.escrip.com. Paper registration forms will also be available in a few weeks.

■ The PTA voice message line, (510) 464-1360, ext 70 announces upcoming special events and dates. Call the voice message line to hear about what is happening at Adams and to leave messages for the PTA.

Castro Elementary

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■ Oct. 13, Pizza Night, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Take out or eat in, and don't forget to tell them it is for the school and 25 percent will be given to Portola.

■ Oct. 24, meetings: Music Parents Association at 6:30 p.m. and PTA at 7:15 p.m. - Disaster Preparedness with Ray Howard, WCCUSD Safety Officer, both in the li-

brary.
■ Fundraisers: Portola is enrolled in eScrip and Albertson's fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Portola while you shop.

WCCUD Calendar

October 31, minimum day for elementary and middle schools.

WCCUSD Board of Education

October 18, Meeting at 7 p.m., Kennedy High School in Richmond

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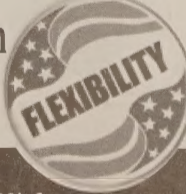
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your pants out and dry them under a hand blow dryer. Everything is under control until the speaker says you and asks you to come to the front of the room and talk about some project you once worked on.

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El Cerrito

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stolen from the car, according to police report.

The night of Oct. 4, both doors of a 1997 Mazda parked on the 1700 block of Lexington Ave. were pried open. An unidentified suspect reportedly tampered with the steering wheel and ignition but was unable to start the car. The damage was estimated at \$1,500.

The morning of Oct. 3 a 34-year-old El Cerrito man was arrested for stealing aluminum cans from city residents on the 2600 block of Alma Street.

■ The afternoon of Oct. 2 a gray Toyota Corolla was reported stolen from the intersection of Portrero Avenue and Lexington Avenue.

■ An 85-year-old El Cerrito woman told police that she has been receiving hang-up telephone calls over the past four months, and that the frequency of them recently increased, to the point where she has stopped answering her phone.

■ A window was smashed and rear door forced open of a residence on the 5600 block of Ludwig Avenue while the resident, a 25-year-old woman, was out of town for the weekend. According to a police report, the cost of repair was estimated at more than \$150, although nothing appeared to have been stolen from the home.

Watch

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side Council PTA, United Teachers of Richmond, Public Employees Union Local 1, the Council of Industry, the League of Women Voters, Contra Costa Interfaith Sponsoring Committee, the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Contra Costa Central Labor Council and hundreds of organizations and individuals of all walks of life have endorsed Measure M.

Albany

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the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ On the morning of Oct. 7 a business owner on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves stole \$100 worth of newspapers from in front of his business. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 7 a resident on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night thieves stole her blue and orange bike off her porch. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Oct. 7 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that while her silver '88 Honda Civic was parked in the garage area thieves punched the passenger side door lock. The alarm went off and apparently

scared away the subjects. She found the tool that was probably used near her car. Officers took the report.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 8 Albany officers stopped a blue '96 Toyota pickup on the 400 block of San Pablo Avenue for erratic driving. The driver, a 33-year-old El Cerrito man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

■ At about 12:45 a.m. on Oct. 8 Albany officers arrested a 54-year-old transient man near Solano and San Pablo Avenues for disorderly conduct. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Oct. 8 a resident on the 1000 block of Ramona Avenue reported that during the night vandals had "egged" his house. There were no witnesses. It is fall and there is Homecoming in the air.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 8 officers responded to Terrace Park on reports

of a group of kids with cartons of eggs. Officers contacted the group and corrected the situation.

■ On the afternoon of Oct. 8 a resident on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue reported that during the night vandals had smashed the rear window of his green '99 Pontiac Firestar parked in front of his home. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 6 p.m. on Oct. 8 a resident reported that one hour prior her daughter and another Albany High School girl were trapped and had eggs thrown at them and syrup poured on them by a group of four Albany High School boys. The girls were able to identify all four boys. The mother also reported this incident to the Albany High School administration for handling.

■ On the morning of Oct. 9 officers responded to Albany High School on reports of a student being detained for

possession of marijuana. Officers arrested the 17-year-old Albany boy for possession of drugs and he was released to his parents with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Oct. 19 the coordinator at the Teen Center on the 900 block of Buchanan Street reported that thieves had stolen cash over the weekend. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Oct. 2 Albany officers towed four vehicles, responded to seven false alarms, attended to four lost or deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to one report of a barking dog. In the domestic arena officers responded to 18 civil disturbances and 97 civil assists.

Officers stopped 66 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 33 citations and 33 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 14 medical emergencies.

Check

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checked at the reference desk, from Oct. 21 through 21. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at 526-3720 ext.

University Avenue tour

University Avenue Indian Business Community is the topic of a Berkeley Historical Society Walking Tour from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Oct. 22. Kirpal and Meelun Khanna, owners of the Indian business community on University Avenue for nearly 30 years. In fact, they can be credited with starting it at a time when much retail business was declining. "Little India" has prospered over this time to a community of more than 30 retail stores and five restaurants. Learn about their steps in space and food relating to today's tastes and the nuances and features of the Indian business community on

University Avenue. Tours start at 10 a.m. and last about two hours, are restricted to 30 paying participants and require pre-paid reservations. The non-refundable donation for each tour is \$10 for the general public. Call 848 0181 for reservations. Website: www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/histoc/

'Arsenic' in El Cerrito

Phil Reed, Jennifer Henke, Todd Miller and Dory Ehrlich as Teddy, Martha, Mortimer and Abby Brewster in "Arsenic and Old Lace," which opens Oct. 13 at Contra Costa Civic Theatre. The play, directed by Elaine Jannell, runs Fridays and Saturdays through Nov. 18, with performances at 8 p.m. There will also be Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$6 youth (16 and under with current ID). Reservations: 510-524-9132.

AAUW meeting

Local non-partisan measures on the November ballot will be the topic at the Richmond-El Cerrito Branch of the American Association of University

Women meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the El Cerrito Masonic Center, at Stockton Avenue and Norvell Street. Barbara Furguson, librarian at the Kensington and San Pablo libraries, will discuss Measure L. Kim Binford, a member of the Measure M Committee, will discuss that school bond measure.

Klezmer music

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley's fall dance features Klezmer Music by L'Chaim with Israeli folk dance instruction from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 14. Tickets at the door are \$8 adults, \$3 ages 3-12. Child-care will be provided, at UUCB, One Lawson Road (near the intersection of Arlington and Mooser) in Kensington. Detail: 510-525-0302.

Airports vs. the Bay?

David Lewis, Executive Director of Save the Bay, will speak on airports' plans to expand into San Francisco Bay and other challenges to Bay restoration, at 7 pm Monday, Nov. 6, downstairs at Al-

bany Community Center, 1249 Marin St., Albany. For information contact Friends of Five Creeks, sponsors of the talk, at 510-848 9358 or fcreeks@aol.com.

Friends of Baxter Creek

The Friends of Baxter Creek's fall kickoff meeting will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at St. John's Community Center, 6500 Gladys St. in El Cerrito. FOBC leaders will provide an introduction to the watershed and discuss activities taking place along each branch of the creek. Participants will be invited to share their knowledge and concerns as we plan to take action in the watershed. Also covered at the meeting will be the upcoming Mira Vista Park native garden project. Questions? Call Apple Szostak of the Aquatic Outreach Institute at (510) 231-5778. For more information on FOBC's activities, see our new Calendar and People We Like pages (with photos galore) at: <http://www.creativeideasreferrals.com/baxtercreek/calendar.html>

Healthy garden workshop

The secrets of maintaining an "eco-friendly" garden will be revealed at a presentation Oct. 28 at the El Cerrito Senior Center on Stockton Avenue behind the El Cerrito Library. The Healthy Garden Workshop presented by the non-profit Bio-Integral Resource Center will show how to minimize the need for chemicals that are dangerous to children, pets and the environment, while building healthy soil, selecting plants best suited to the area and managing pests and weeds with "least-toxic, common sense strategies" that also conserve water. The session will be followed by an optional visit to an eco-friendly garden. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15. Cost of the workshop handbook is \$12. To register or get more details call Tanya Drik, 510-524-8404 or e-mail birc@gc.org.

Puppets in the Park

Snappdragon Puppeteers will present an exciting, action-packed puppet show for kids of all ages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 15 at Arlington Park on Ar-

lington Avenue in El Cerrito. There will be balloons, boxed lunches and a raffle for prizes. All proceeds benefit Berkeley Hills Nursery School. Tickets are available at the park and lunches can be pre-ordered by calling 510-525-3366.

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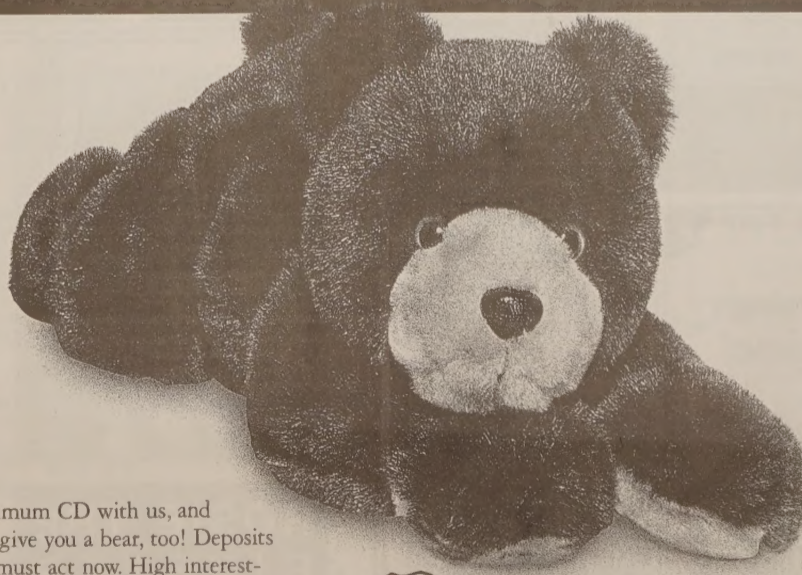
he knows what people like and expect. The menu is much the same, great soups, lamb shanks, pork tenderloin, meat loaf and all around good stuff, every day but Monday. The newest change is that they are open for Sunday breakfast from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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Grants

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low the city to re-grade the creek channel to eliminate hazards and do other erosion-control work.

"This work is urgent because steep undercut banks threaten to let concrete collapse into the creek, possibly causing floods that would destroy the remaining natural habitat and make restoration much more difficult and expensive," Keimach said.

Keimach pointed out that if the grant proposals are accepted, the city would be taking over responsibility for long-term maintenance of the creeks.

"It is the city's experience that very little work other than vegetation management is required for the long-term maintenance needs of a restored creek," she reported.

Several residents spoke at the meeting and urged the council to endorse the grant applications.

While it is true that if funded this project would entail some staff time to plan and coordinate the project, the benefits from this project would repay this outlay from the city a thousandfold," said Maryann Aberg of Friends of Baxter Creek.

Following the suggestion of Steve Magyary, co-coordinator of El Cerrito Citizens Alliance, the council set the cap on the annual maintenance costs to the city, if the grants are approved.

Solano Avenue, such as encouraging chiropractors, lawyers, hair cutters and realtors to move to the second level of buildings, and adding more three-story structures.

He hastened to add that another moratorium such as the one the city saw last spring limiting the type of businesses that could move to the area is not a viable solution.

Smith agreed to some extent, calling the 40-day moratorium a "farce."

But, unlike DePrisco, she said the problem lies in a lack of incentives.

"We throw up a lot of road blocks (to new businesses), like retrofitting, but we don't give them any tax breaks or incentives," she said.

The area is currently zoned for two-story and in some cases three-story buildings. Already, the entire zoning ordinance, including parking regulations, is being looked at by the city's Zoning Revision Committee.

Any changes will then go to the Planning Commission and finally to the council. So, the new member will have a chance of being faced with such changes over the next two years.

"There are definitely some outdated (items) in that code," said Ritzma.

Basketball league registration

The city Recreation Department opened registration for both the David Hunter Memorial Boys Basketball League and the Girls Hoops League this week for El Cerrito residents. Registration will open Oct. 16 for non-El Cerrito residents. Practice will begin Nov. 6 and run through

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mid February. For more information please call 510-215-4376.

Guess pumpkin's weight

KENSINGTON — Guess the weight of the pumpkin that will be in the Kensington Branch Library during the week of Oct. 23. The closest guess will win the pumpkin in time for Halloween. The contest is sponsored by the Friends of the

Kensington Library.

The library is located at 1000 Kensington Avenue. It is open 10-6 p.m., Tuesdays, closed Wednesdays, open 10-6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays. If you have a question, call 800-INFO or 800-984-5434. Line is available at the same number for telephone removal of books and materials.

Debate

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— although Ritzma, who recently relaunched the city's long-dormant Web site, may have beat him to the punch.

Making sure kids have access to playing fields also makes his wish-list, though he wasn't specific about what fields they should be using more frequently.

If fields are the issue of the day, Norm Friedman is the candidate who is likely to be most familiar with them.

The 53-year-old sports director, who describes himself as "Mr. Albany Sports Camp," also favors seeking field space for children.

But that's where his similarities to DePrisco end.

Friedman's interests, like Smith's, tend to be more centered around a particular subject he has been working for years.

"I do sports programs for ages four through 12," he said. "In fact, he has said more than once that running wasn't really his idea, but more a response to the prompting of certain council members.

Friedman, who calls himself "an average citizen," plans to spend a total of about \$2,000 on his campaign. He has created a brochure, rounded up some volunteers and plans to beat the pavement himself.

Some of his peripheral plans include having more "open days" at the Albany Library, where he tutors chess, and spending more to clean up Memorial Park. "I would like to see more maintenance there — whatever it takes," he said.

Certain topics sure to resurface in the future got mixed responses from the candidates.

For instance, the discussion of whether to "calm" traffic along Marin Avenue, and how, is of great interest to people living along the stretch between The Alameda and San Pablo.

It's not a topic Smith believes needs major change. "It's a main thoroughfare," she said, adding that police ticketing should be used as deterrents to speeding.

Friedman didn't express a view on slowing traffic, but said it is important to resolve the issue quickly.

Another hot topic for some residents is drawing more retail to lower Solano Avenue.

DePrisco says he is all for seeking ways to draw businesses to

projects into one special tax proposal, said Kettle.

"They say there is virtually no public oversight and that the volunteer Citizens Watchdog Committee has no power, no budget and is appointed by the administrators of the tax," said Kettle. "They also say that heavy users of the roads and highways should pay a greater share of the costs."

According to information supplied by the Alameda County Transportation Authority, projects would include substantial upgrades for the San Pablo Avenue and Telegraph Avenue corridors. These would be divided into two projects, with \$83 million earmarked for improvements along

Vacancies

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"responsible for the financial status of the district and for classified personnel, saying, 'I'll be working with a personnel technician to review our hiring practices and to set up a position-control system."

In other words, Wallace will help make sure the district hires appropriate personnel outside of certified teaching positions, such as assistants and school administrators, as well as figuring out if the person is entering a new or established position.

He conceded, "When we're dealing with instructional aids or supervisors, it's sometimes hard to get a handle how many we have in the budget."

This is no small job, according to Christiane Khan, an Albany parent and a member of the District Key Communicator Group.

The group is an outreach committee made up of representatives from different sites within the district — including parents, teachers, schools, union representatives, police officers, and business and city representatives — that meets every six weeks to discuss school issues affecting their respective communities.

"It's not a position that's as visible (as superintendent), but it's really important," said Khan. "The budget is complicated — you need someone who knows where the money is coming from and where it goes."

Wallace has already gotten his feet wet by updating school board members on budget changes at a recent meeting.

Yet finances are not the only factor making the timing crucial for Wallace.

He is also responsible for facilities, maintenance and construction,

at a time when four schools are undergoing major construction work and the district's administration facilities are expected to be relocated for retrofitting next summer.

Wallace has experience at the San Bernardino County office of education position and more than 22 years of school business administration under his belt, he said, "All of those positions were in fiscal management."

Most of his positions have involved budget accounting and supervising the day-to-day activities of school districts.

"Certainly, that's going to help me understand the budget and financial status of the Albany School District much better," he said.

But, Carlson-Olson insists, that's only half the battle. "What's key is that you have someone who can present the information to school board members in a clear, concise fashion. They're normal citizens," she said.

The September report Wallace and Hughes presented looked at the budget based on beginning enrollment and staffing levels in April, which changed slightly in the fall, a not unexpected fluctuation. "We usually lose kids in the secondary level and gain kids in the elementary level," Wallace noted.

Other personnel changes are in the works as two temporary players plan their exits shortly.

Former superintendent Dale Hud-

son, who acted as interim superintendent for business before Wallace stepped on the Review Committee so he could take to his position as facilities director.

Also, Lawrence Hughes, who sorbed the deputy superintendent role over the summer, was placed soon after Oct. 24, according to Beverly Feusier, assistant superintendent. Gary Miller, who made the final selection after hearing opinions of board members.

"We have finished our first round of interviews for the position," said Feusier.

The new deputy superintendent will be responsible for the day-to-day management with certified personnel, and thus will review applicant qualifications for many teachers in the district.

"But the position controls we can take care of together, things will overlap," Wallace said.

In fact, sharing knowledge is key to the district's overall success, according to Carlson-Olson.

"This is a small enough district that most (personnel) should know everything," she said.

The next step for Wallace finds ways to limit spending and to balance the projected deficit. "At this point in the year, not a large concern," he said.

Measure

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■ 6 percent for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

"An Alameda County Transportation Improvement Authority will be formed to administer the funds," said Kettle, adding that a volunteer Citizens Watchdog Committee will be created by the authority to review all expenditures.

According to Kettle, supporters of Measure B say that the measure is the county's best chance to do something about traffic and congestion. "They say it would provide a comprehensive plan, with a balance of mass transit solutions and road improvements to address the county's traffic woes," she said.

In addition, supporters say Measure B reflects a consensus through the county, drawing support from environmental, social justice, taxpayer and transit advocates, union members and business.

Supporters add that AC Transit relies heavily on funding from Measure B, Kettle said.

Opponents, however, say that it is bad policy to join so many diverse

projects into one special tax proposal, said Kettle.

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San Pablo from Oakland, through Berkeley and into Albany up to the El Cerrito border.

Improvements would include high-capacity articulated buses, stations and shelters, lighting, advancements in signalization, and other bus related enhancements in key Berkeley/Oakland corridors — San Pablo and/or Telegraph Avenue, according to the Web site.

The authority says that AC Transit revenue would grow by 76 percent if Measure B is approved.

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By Richard Schwartz

We all have dreamed of what the Bay must have been like in a more simple time where its waters were more pure and unpolluted.

Spanish journals of the 18th century report tremendous flocks of birds that blackened the sky for days on end. They told of bears, whales, elk, pelicans and otters. By the 1900s the age of sail had the wind sucked out of it by the age of mechanization.

Huge quantities of materials and people were being transported around the Bay and Golden Gate. Rafts made of millions of logs from the Pacific Northwest were towed into the Bay. Sometimes these gargantuan things broke apart and broadcast huge logs about the Bay, piers and shores.

Not that the Bay's condition wasn't already changing for the worse. Accounts told of how white-gloved women would cover their noses as their ferry approached Berkeley's shore, where raw sewage oozed into the once pristine waters. By



1900, we were so busy with development of our town and commerce, no one protested the toll the Bay was paying for its endeavors.

Richard Schwartz's new book, "Berkeley 1900, Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," a snapshot of daily life 100 years ago as described in the pages of the Berkeley Daily Gazette, is available at Berkeley bookstores. His first book, "The Circle of Stones, An Investigation of the



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The trouble occurred just as the San Francisco was rounding Goat Island. The noise occasioned by striking the obstruction, together with a series of sharp shocks, created the belief that the vessel had been stove in, and the excitement was intense. The deckhands went among passengers, and assured them there was no danger.

One Thousand Feet In Mid-Air.

Berkeleyan's Watch The Big Rock Shattered.

Shag Rock No. 2, the last and most important of the treacherous hidden rocks near Alcatraz, went sailing into mid-air today about noon.

Scores of people on the higher elevations of Berkeley singled out the interesting object with field glasses.

Shag rock No. 2 is only 150 feet from where Shag rock No. 1 reared its head above the water at low tide before it was blown out of existence. No. 2 is below the water at all times and, though small craft sail over it without hindrance, ships that draw over eighteen feet of water must keep at a respectful distance. There was no drilling done this time, as surface explosion alone will be employed. Nearly 3000 cubic yards will have to be removed to comply with the terms of the contract. One hundred and fifty charges of nitroglycerine, containing 90 percent of glycerine, have been distributed along the rock. These are anchored to wire cables, and each is supplied with an explosive connected with a battery stationed on a barge 4000 feet distant. No boat or other craft was permitted within one mile of the rock before the explosion.

LOG RAFT IS ADRIFT IN BAY

San Francisco, Jan. 10.—A million-foot raft, with the harbor last night and logs over the Golden Gate. The raft, which was being towed by a tug, was blown out of the bay by a strong wind.

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As for the log about the ferry. Any ship that has been given a drift of logs, the log could infer the end of the line.



A LOG RAFT is shown as assembled in Washington state in 1898. It was the first log raft to reach the Bay.



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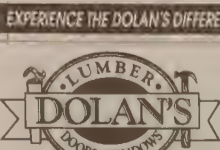
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PHOTOS BY DENNIS EVANSKY

BEN KOPF'S WEDDING gift to his daughter on Oakland's Castle Drive a 3,000-plus square-foot ranch-style home, right, on three lots with a spacious outdoor patio complete with a pool and canyon views, above.

Alameda builder leaves legacy in Oakland hills

By Dennis Evanosky

Alameda builder Ben Kopf contributed much to the East Bay residential landscape. He was born in San Francisco in 1890. His family's home fell victim to the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire, and after living for a month at Fort Mason, they decided — like so many others — to move to the East Bay.

Kopf began work in the construction industry at the age of 16 as a roofer. He was primed to ride the great East Bay home construction boom that came on the heels of the earthquake that devastated San Francisco, but left much of the then-rural East Bay ripe for building.

In 1907, he found work in Alameda in Mastick Park, a portion of the old Ma-

stick Estate north of Buena Vista Avenue between Eighth and Wood streets. There Kopf made the acquaintance of C.C. Adams, who hired him to build some houses. Kopf built his first home in 1908.

The Alameda Architectural and Historical Survey describes it as a "small cottage of simplified Craftsman design" at 1842 Ninth St. Adams paid Kopf the handsome sum of \$250 for building the home, then turned around and sold it for for 10 times that amount: \$2,500. Kopf complemented this first job by building two more homes just like the first at 1834 and 1838 Ninth St.

People liked Kopf's work and he prospered. By the time he retired, well past

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Kopf

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the age of 80, he had built more than 800 homes in Oakland, Piedmont, San Leandro, Hayward and Alameda.

Adams subdivided Waterside Terrace in Alameda — an area bounded by High Street, Fernside Boulevard and Fairview Avenue — in 1913 and hired Kopf to build houses for him there. He built the one- and two-story bungalows at 3220, 3229, 3241, 3245 and 3247 Bayo Vista and those at 2018 and 3026 Fairview.

When he married in 1922, he built a home for himself and his new bride, Ethel Lubben, just down the street from his mentor at 845 Pacific on the northeast corner of Pacific and Ninth streets, a simplified version of the Spanish Colonial Revival style popular at the time.

Ethel's family lived in Alameda on the corner of Pacific and Webster streets. Her father worked as a merchant, selling coal and chicken feed.

The newlyweds could be seen driving around town in their Kissel, "a fine automobile in its day," the survey says. Three years after his marriage, Kopf built four homes in his neighborhood — at 830, 832 and 836 Pacific Ave. and one at 1725 Eighth St.

Ben Kopf's labor of love offered at \$915,000, to be open this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

One of the last homes he built was a labor of love — as a gift for his daughter's family in 1953. This home at 845 Pacific Drive in Oakland has recently come on the real estate market.

"This home, which Kopf built on the corner of Pacific and Webster streets, capped a career that began almost a century before," says listing agent Lehigh of The GRUBB Co.

"When Ben Kopf turned his daughter's home he angled it to the street to take advantage of the beautiful San Francisco Bay."

According to Lehigh, Kopf built the bedroom, three-and-one-half bath home using oversized beams using industrial materials and techniques.

The home will be open this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. For more information on the home, offered at \$915,000, call Lehigh at The GRUBB Co. 510-748-1688 extension 246.

Is getting that reverse mortgage a good idea?

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If you are age 62 or older and are "house-rich, cash-poor," a reverse mortgage may be an option to help increase your income. However, because your home is such a valuable asset, you may want to consult with your family, attorney, or financial advisor before applying for a reverse mortgage. Knowing your rights and responsibilities as a borrower may help to minimize your financial risks and avoid any threat of foreclosure or loss of your home.

A reverse mortgage is a type of home equity loan that allows you to convert some of the equity in your home into cash while you retain home ownership. A reverse mortgage works much like traditional mortgages, only in reverse. Rather than making a payment to your lender each month, the lender pays you. Unlike conventional home equity loans, most reverse mortgages do not require any repayment of principal, interest, or servicing fees for as long as you live in your home. Funds obtained from a reverse mortgage may be used for any purpose, including meeting housing expenses such as taxes, insurance, fuel, and maintenance costs.

To qualify for a reverse mortgage, you must own your home. The reverse mortgage funds may be paid to you in a lump sum, in monthly advances, through a line-of-credit, or in a combination of the three, depending on the type of reverse mortgage and the lender. The amount you are eligible to borrow generally is based on your age, the equity in your home, and the interest rate the lender is charging.

Because you retain title to your home with reverse mortgage, you also remain responsible for taxes, repairs, and maintenance. Depending on the plan you select, your reverse mortgage becomes due with interest

either when you permanently move, sell your home, die, or reach the end of the pre-selected loan term.

The lender does not take title to your home when you die, but your heirs must pay off the loan. The debt is usually repaid by refinancing the loan into a forward mortgage (if the heirs are eligible) or by using the proceeds from the sale of your home.

Some common features

- Reverse mortgages are rising-debt loans. This means that the interest is added to the principal loan balance each month, because it is not paid on a current basis. Therefore, the total amount of interest you owe increases significantly with time as the interest compounds.

- All three plans (FHA-insured, lender-insured, and uninsured) charge origination fees and closing costs. Insured plans also charge insurance premiums, and some impose mortgage servicing charges. Your lender may permit you to finance these costs so you will not have to pay for them in cash. But remember these costs will be added to your loan amount.

- Reverse mortgages use up some or all of the equity in your home, leaving fewer assets for you and your heirs in the future.

- You generally can request a loan advance at closing that is substantially larger than the rest of your payments.

- Your legal obligation to pay back the loan is limited by the value of your home at the time the loan is repaid. This could include increases in the value (appreciation) of your home after your loan begins.

- A reverse mortgage loan advances are nontaxable. Further, they do not affect your Social Security or Medicare benefits. If you receive Supplemental Security Income, the reverse mortgage advances do not af-

fect your benefits as long as you spend them within the month you receive them. This is true in most states for Medicaid benefits also. When in doubt, check with a benefits specialist at your local area agency on aging or legal services office.

- Some plans provide for fixed rate interest. Others involve adjustable rates that change over the loan term based upon market conditions.

- Interest on these mortgages is not deductible for income tax purposes until you pay off all or part of your total reverse mortgage debt.

How Reverse Mortgages Differ This section describes how the three types of RMs — FHA-insured, lender-insured, and uninsured — vary according to their costs and terms. Although the FHA and lender-insured plans appear similar, important differences exist. This section also discusses advantages and drawbacks of each loan type.

- FHA-insured. This plan offers several RM payment options. You may receive monthly loan advances for a fixed term or for as long as you live in the home, a line of credit, or monthly loan advances plus a line of credit. This RM is not due as long as you live in your home. With the line of credit option, you may draw amounts as you need them over time. Closing costs, a mortgage insurance premium and sometimes a monthly servicing fee is required. Interest is charged at an adjustable rate on your loan balance; any interest rate changes do not affect the monthly payment, but rather how quickly the loan balance grows over time.

The FHA-insured RM permits changes in payment options at little cost. This plan also protects you by guaranteeing that loan advances will continue to be made to you if a lender defaults. However, FHA-insured RMs may provide smaller loan advances than lender-insured plans.

Also, FHA loan costs may be greater than uninsured plans.

- Lender-insured. These RMs offer monthly loan advances or monthly loan advances plus a line of credit for as long as you live in your home. Interest may be assessed at a fixed rate or an adjustable rate, and additional loan costs can include a mortgage insurance premium (which may be fixed or variable) and other loan fees.

Loan advances from a lender-insured plan may be larger than those provided by FHA-insured plans. Lender-insured RMs also may allow you to mortgage less than the full value of your home, thus preserving home equity for later use by you or your heirs. However, these loans may involve greater loan costs than FHA-insured, or uninsured loans. Higher costs mean that your loan balance grows faster, leaving you with less equity over time.

Some lender-insured plans include an annuity that continues making monthly payments to you even if you sell your home and move. The security of these payments depends on the financial strength of the company providing them, so be sure to check the financial ratings of that company. Annuity payments may be taxable and affect your eligibility for Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid. These "reverse annuity mortgages" may also include additional charges based on increases in the value of your home during the term of your loan.

- Uninsured. This RM is dramatically different from FHA and lender-insured RMs. An uninsured plan provides monthly loan advances for a fixed term only — a definite number of years that you select when you first take out the loan. Your loan balance becomes due and payable when the loan advances stop. Interest is usually set at a fixed interest rate and no mortgage insurance premium

is required.

If you consider an uninsured RM, carefully think about the amount of money you need monthly; how many years you may need the money; how you will repay the loan when it comes due; and how much remaining equity you will need after paying off the loan.

If you have short-term but substantial cash needs, the uninsured RM can provide a greater monthly advance than the other plans. However, because you must pay back the loan by a specific date, it is important for you to have a source of repayment. If you are unable to repay the loan, you may have to sell your home and move.

Reverse Mortgage Safeguards One of the best protections you have with RMs is the Federal Truth in Lending Act, which requires lenders to inform you about the plan's terms and costs. Be sure you understand them before signing. Among other information, lenders must disclose the Annual Percentage Rate (APR) and payment terms. On plans with adjustable rates, lenders must provide specific information about the variable rate feature. On plans with credit lines, lenders also must inform you of any charges to open and use the account, such as an appraisal, a credit report, or attorney's fees.

If you are interested in obtaining

a current list of lenders participating in the FHA-insured program, contact the Department of Housing and Urban Development for additional information on reverse mortgages and other home equity conversion plans. Write to: AARP Home Equity Conversion Center American Association of Retired Persons 601 E Street, Washington, D.C. 20049

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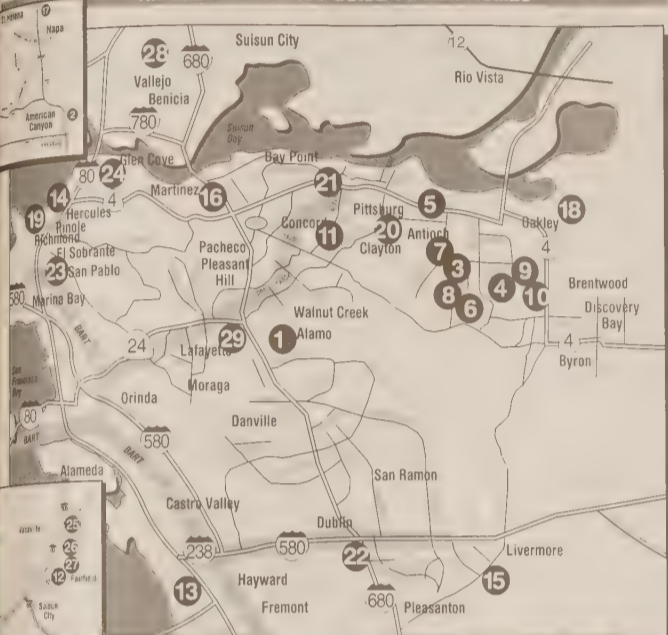
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From the mouths of sellers

Number 340 in a series of true experiences in real estate

People who are planning to sell often start by talking to an agent. They want to know what is possible, what they need to do to get ready, what they will have to disclose.

Following is a list of statements and questions that sellers may mention.

The agent's responses depend on so very many things: the seller's individual situation, the house, its condition, location and desirability in the current market — just to name a few.

The things people say!

Sellers say things like:

- My neighbor's dogs bark, night and day.
- We can't get rid of the mildew in the bedroom.
- You can see how the retaining wall is leaning."
- "I'd be willing to replace the furnace but it's going to be expensive and I'd like to be sure that I'll get my money back."
- "I'm thinking that it will take two or three months to sell my house."
- My neighbor's house sold for \$600,000; I'm sure mine is worth more.
- I don't have to sell, you know."
- "My neighbor built his fence three feet onto my property."
- The man in front of us refuses to cut his trees, so we don't have the Bay view we used to have."
- "We always planned to redo the kitchen but never did. I guess we'll have to do it now before we sell."
- "We should wait until spring to sell because that's the best time of year. It's better to ask for more money than we expect to get."
- "We should leave room to dicker."
- "My mother died in this house."
- "The dogs will have to be in the house while it's being shown, but they can be locked in the kitchen. You'll be here when buyers come, won't you?"
- "We want to take these light fixtures with us."
- "I'd like to sell the stove, perhaps to the buyer, but I want to sell it separately. Is this a good idea?"
- "Something in the upstairs bath has leaked into the living room —

You'll decide what can be done to make your house ready, what must be disclosed, how you will go about finding the house you want to buy.

you can see what's happened to the plaster — but we never figured out what is going on.

■ We added on the back bedrooms and bath without a city permit."

■ "We'd like to find a buyer now and get our money in hand, then have six months to stay here while we look for our new house."

■ "We never did anything to the kitchen, and it does look bad. But we figure the buyer will want to do it to his own taste."

■ "The basement is always wet."

■ These cracks appeared around the doorways after the last earthquake but not one dish broke. I think the house is really solid."

■ "I'll have to do the termite work before I sell, but I don't have the money."

"Besides, we only have one bathroom and I'm pretty sure that the shower walls will need to be torn out."

Make a list

If you are planning to sell, are you thinking about some of the things on this list?

Maybe you are already fretting which may be unnecessary and/or too soon.

Before you talk to an agent, before you do anything else, make another list: a statement of your objectives.

Include everything you know about your money, timing and the prize you expect to get.

You might write, for instance: "I need another room for my home office and would like better access to the garden."

"Ideally, I will continue to live in the hills in an older house that does not need basic work."

"I'd like to move by March, but it could be sooner."

"I can afford \$1200 more per

month than I am paying now."

Now that you have written down

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what you want to accomplish, show your list to your agent. Ask if your idea is crazy.

Does your agent think you can get what you want? How? Walk your agent through your house. Say, ask what you have been thinking about selling. Talk about what you will need to do, how quickly, in what order. If you have concerns, say so. Make adjustments as necessary.

A good agent will give you the tools for victory.

Together you will make a scheme. You'll decide what can be done to make your house ready, what must be disclosed, how you will go about finding the house you want to buy. He or she will consider and think, do research, will educate you, and will accompany you the whole way.

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work with industry participants to fully develop the potential of e-commerce."

All-electronic transactions are expected to improve mortgage process and workflow while reducing paperwork. Specifically, lenders are likely to realize the following potential benefits: increased convenience — credit union members can close loans from remote locations, including the borrower's home.

Easier document access through member personal computers decreases paperwork and decreases cost. As use of digital signatures and e-closings become more common mortgage costs will fall.

"CUNA Mutual Mortgage Corporation is committed to keeping credit unions on the leading edge of technological innovation to ensure their members are the best served throughout the mortgage transaction. Freddie Mac helps us do that," said Stephen P. Renock IV, President and CEO of CUNA Mutual Mortgage.

"Being first in the credit union industry to close an all electronic mortgage emphasizes our commitment."

Law opens door to faster closings

The legally-binding transaction was made possible under the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act in effect in Utah and the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act (E-SIGN) that Congress enacted in June 2000.

E-SIGN requires lenders to protect consumers by providing particular disclosures, obtaining the consumer's consent to use electronic documents, and establishing reliable methods for obtaining the consumer's electronic signature. iLumin's Digital Handshake technology enables enforceable transactions to take place completely online — from initial negotiations to notarizing, filing, final documentation and storage.

"Instead of signing the note, deed, and disclosures, the borrowers use Digital Handshake," says Jade Beckman, Mountain America Credit Union's Assistant Manager of Mortgage Services.

"This is easier for the member,

and saves time. The sellers get paid sooner, too, because normally we wait for a packet mailed from the title company, we review it, and then we fund the loan. With this technology, we can review it electronically as soon as it is signed, and fund the loan sooner."

Beckman added that if a credit union elects not to service the loan, it can transfer the servicing electronically, as was done with today's transaction. "This technology will provide enhanced convenience when members close their mortgage loans," says Mountain America President Gordon Dames. "It underscores our commitment to use leading-edge technology for the ultimate benefit of our members."

With assets of over \$765 million, Mountain America is the second largest credit union in Utah, and the 62nd largest in the nation, which has over 11,000 credit unions.

"We are excited to be part of history with Freddie Mac, CUNA Mutual Mortgage and Mountain America Credit Union to facilitate some of the first transactions to take place under E-SIGN," said Brent Israelsen, president and CEO of iLumin Corporation.

"By migrating the transaction process to the Web, companies such as Freddie Mac, CUNA Mutual Mortgage and Mountain America Credit Union can bring the benefits of completely automated and legally binding online transactions to their customers and members."

The availability of all electronic mortgages will depend on several factors, including the readiness of local jurisdictions to deal with real estate transactions electronically, as was done by Utah County for this mortgage.

"As more local jurisdictions gain access to, and embrace, the technology needed to handle mortgage transactions electronically, all-electronic mortgages will become com-

mon place," says Greg Foley, director of Collateral Instrument Management at Freddie Mac.

"Meanwhile, we plan to do what we have learned from the transaction to work with the industry to introduce new processes and policies that will allow the full benefit of electronic mortgages to be realized."

iLumin Corporation is a privately held company founded in 1997 in the San Francisco Bay Area (a combination of Palo Alto, Java) that enables organizations to deliver automated end-to-end line transactions. For more information, visit iLumin.com.

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re the most homeowners, have a first mortgage on their home. Typically, such loans are for 25 to 30 years, with the interest rate adjusted so that the payments are made in full at the end of the term. As you make monthly payments and the value of the property increases, your interest in the property (called "equity") grows. After a while, some homeowners may wish to borrow against the equity in their home to get cash. Because such loans are in addition to the first mortgage on the home, they are commonly called "second mortgage" loans.

Second mortgage loans are different from first mortgages in several ways. They often carry a higher interest rate, 15 years or less. They require a large single payment at the end of the term, commonly called a balloon payment. Traditional second mortgage loans are repaid in a fixed loan amount and a predetermined repayment schedule.

Some lenders now offer lines of credit that allow you to obtain cash advances with a credit card or to use the checks up to a certain credit limit. These often are called "home equity lines" because the equity in your home is collateral for the amount of credit you request.

As you pay off the outstanding balance, you can reuse the line of credit during the loan period. This article provides answers to some common questions people ask when they begin shopping for a second mortgage or home equity loan, and discusses choosing a lender, the meaning of some mortgage terms, costs, disclosure documents, and contracts for resolving problems.

When you are looking for a lender, shop around and make comparisons. Interest rates, repayment terms, and origination fees may vary substantially. Ask your local banks, savings and loans, credit unions, or finance companies about their loan terms.

Although you will want to select a lender who offers you terms most favorable to your needs, be sure to ask and compare the annual percentage rate (APR) because they will give you the total cost of the loan, including financing charges.

If you have not done business with the lender before, or if the lender is unfamiliar to you, you may wish to ask your local Better Business Bureau or consumer protection

office if they have any complaints against the lender. How long will it take to repay the loan?

Some second mortgage loans may extend for as long as 15 or 20 years; others may require repayment in one year. You will need to discuss the repayment terms with the lenders and select one who offers terms that best suit your needs.

Many lenders offer variable rate mortgages, also known as adjustable rate mortgages or ARMs. These provide for periodic interest-rate adjustments. If your loan contract allows the lender to adjust or change the interest rate, be sure you understand when the lender has the right to change the interest rate, whether there are any limits on how much the interest or payments can change, and how often the lender can change the rate.

You also should know what basis the lender will use to determine a new rate of interest. How much will your monthly payments be and will they pay off the loan? Be sure you understand how much your monthly payments will be and what they cover.

Your lender should be able to give you this information in advance. With some loans, you will be required to make monthly payments on the principal and interest.

With other loans, you may be required to pay interest only on the borrowed amount; in these loans, your monthly payments will not reduce the principal amount of the loan. With such a loan, you will be required to pay back the entire borrowed amount at the end of the loan period.

These loans are popularly known as "balloon loans." If your loan has a balloon payment, you should consider how you will arrange to repay the entire amount when it becomes due. On "home equity lines," the lender does not have to give you the exact amount of the monthly payment, but must explain how it is figured. This is because the borrowed amount will vary and your outstanding balance will change if you use the line of credit.

However, if your monthly payment term is 5 percent of the outstanding balance and your outstanding balance is \$5,000, your minimum monthly payments would be \$250. Many companies will charge a fee for lending you money. The fee is usually a percentage of the loan and is sometimes referred to as "points." One point is equal to 1 percent of the loan amount. Get the amount of the fee in writing before you take the loan. Many states limit the amount of fees a lender may

charge on a second mortgage loan. You may want to check with your state's consumer protection office or banking commissioner to determine whether there is a limit in your state.

If your loan is primarily for personal, family, or household purposes, the lender is required to give you a federal Truth in Lending disclosure form before you sign the customary loan documents, such as a note or deed of trust.

This Truth in Lending form will tell you the actual cost of the loan. It includes the annual percentage rate, the finance charge, and the fees included in the loan. For "home equity lines," your lender also is required to send you a periodic statement.

The lender must give you a notice of your right of rescission, giving you three business days after signing and receiving the Truth in Lending Act disclosures to reconsider whether you want to take the loan.

For additional information about the right of rescission, ask for the free FTC brochure, *Getting a Loan: Your Home as Security*, call the number listed at the end of this article.

If your lender makes any promises, such as saying you can "automatically" get the loan refinanced at the end of the term, be sure your lender puts these promises in writing. In this way, you may avoid any future disputes.

If you ever have a problem making your loan payments, talk to your lender as soon as possible. However, if you have problems with your lender, you may want to contact your state, county, or local consumer protection office.

If they cannot help you, they can refer you to the office that can. To file a complaint, or to get free information call toll-free, 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357).

What is a contingency?

Let's say you've decided to buy a home. After looking around for awhile, you find a house that you'd like to buy. You have a generous savings account, but you can't afford to pay all cash for the house.

You'll need a mortgage to complete the purchase.

Also, you're concerned about the condition of the property. You want to have the house inspected before you commit to buying it.

The above scenario describes a typical home buyer. Few buyers can afford to pay all cash for a home. And every buyer should have any home they buy inspected by qualified professionals.

So most home purchase agreements include a financing contingency and an inspection contingency. A contingency is a condition that must be met in order for the sale to go through.

If the buyers try to satisfy a contingency, but they are unable to, their deposit money is usually returned to them. In most cases, they are released from the purchase contract without penalty.

Financing and inspection contingencies are the most common home purchase contract contingencies.

But, it's possible to have a contingency for any condition that must be satisfied in order for the sale to go through as long as the buyers and sellers mutually agree to include it in the contract. Any contract contingency should include a time period for the contingency to be satisfied.

Financing contingencies typically run for about 14 to 30 days from contract acceptance. Inspection contingencies usually have a shorter time frame: often seven to 10 days following acceptance.

It's also preferable to have a provision in the purchase contract which states that contingencies will be removed in writing. When contingencies are removed in writing, there's no confusion about whether or not the contingencies have been satisfied.

One standard form home purchase agreement that's widely used in home sales includes a financing contingency that doesn't specify a date for contingency removal.

Rather, it states that the financing contingency will run until the lender funds the buyer's mortgage.

Usually the lender funds the buyer's mortgage just prior to closing. With this sort of contingency, you don't know for sure that the deal is going through until the last minute. This can pose serious problems, particularly if the deal doesn't close. It's better to set a date for removing the financing contingency.

Ideally this date should occur at least two weeks before closing. Sellers like to see offers with as few contingencies as possible.

The more contingencies there are in a contract, the more opportunities there are for the contract to fall apart. You should include contingencies in your purchase offer to protect yourself.

But, you can make your contract more attractive to a seller by shortening the contingency time frames. For example, if you are preapproved for a mortgage, and you can shorten the financing contingency considerably. Some preapproved buyers in today's market are able to make of-

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By Dian Hymer

fers without a financing contingency

This may put you at an advantage if you are competing for a home against other buyers. To get preapproved, you need to complete a loan application and have your credit checked. A lender or loan broker can help you get preapproved.

Try to resolve any issues that might require you to add contingencies before you make an offer. For example, let's say you see a home you want to buy, but your wife hasn't seen it. Make your offer contingent upon your wife seeing and approving of the property. Your offer would be much stronger, however, if your wife sees the property and approves of it before you make an offer.

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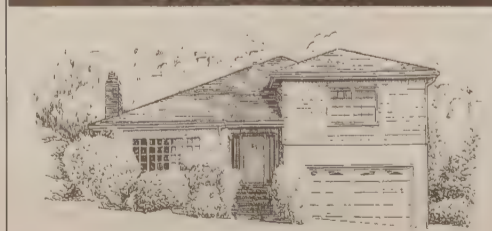
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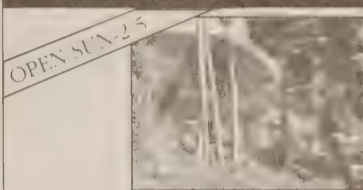


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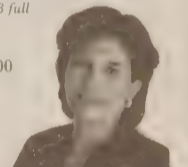


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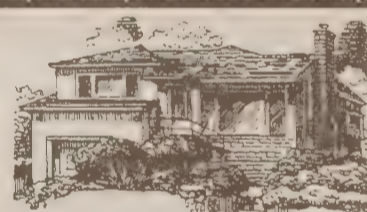
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Water torture greets returning vacationers

It started with a hidden hairline crack in a toilet tank in an upstairs bathroom. Jackie and Rich Falletti left for a vacation in June 1999 and things have never been the same at their Alameda home. About seven days into their trip, they received a fax asking them to call home about a "non-medical emergency." They were on the next plane home.

The hairline crack started at the side bottom of the toilet tank and expanded to a 1/4" crack at the top of the tank. The ball in the tank was down, and stayed down. This set the tank to fill itself, and it did, continuously.

Even though a neighbor had checked the house every other day, the water had flowed fast and flooded the upper floor and cascaded down the stairs. Later the owners calculated that 12,000 to 15,000 gallons of water had rushed out of the three gallon toilet tank over a two-day period.

Picture a pool 25' long, 10' wide, and 8' deep, fill it with water, and that's about how much water had rushed into the house.

The neighbor, a relative who also checked on the house to take in mail, and the homeowners were in disbelief when they saw the damage to the home they had owned since 1966. Carpeting throughout the house was sopping wet, parts of the downstairs bath and family room ceilings had crashed onto the floor, and walls were wet.

Luckily, a nephew had been able to punch small holes in the kitchen and dining room ceilings, releasing some of the water, and preventing those ceilings from collapsing.

The water had flooded the three upstairs bedrooms, the staircase, the dining room, the kitchen, and family room, but had not yet reached the living room.

Any property owner or renter would be shocked and stunned confronting this damage, and the Fallettis' response was just that. Their first action was an immediate call to Roger Duke, their insurance agent at Farmer's Insurance. Within 45 minutes, a team from Restoration Management Company in Fremont was on the scene in Alameda.

"These guys were like the cavalry. They were unbelievable. They were great. The first thing they did was take photographs of everything. Twelve people were here, with huge vacuums, big fans, and dehumidifiers, all lined up from the street, going all over the house," said Jackie Falletti.

"We just sat on the sofa, sort of in shock, watching the clean-up crew. They were like an army, and totally organized. While they vacuumed the water up and out of the floors, we could see the wood change color,"



ROSEMARY McNALLY

A SIMPLE HAIRLINE crack expanded and spilled disaster.

remembered the Fallettis.

The Restoration Management team took up the carpeting and pad, and tore off the baseboards and door trims. They took up the kitchen floor and sprayed with moldicide to prevent even more damage from mold. While some of the crew dealt with the water, others started packing all of the household possessions. Five hundred pieces of household goods were boxed and labeled, and everything was taken to Restoration Management's storage facility.

After the first shock-filled hours, the magnitude of the damage began to sink in for the homeowners. Even through the emotional stress, and a period of panic, rational thinking surfaced, and they realized they needed comparative bids for the work to restore their home.

As Rich Falletti now says, "When something like this happens, you have to keep your head. Don't take the first bid for the work. I'm glad I was able to get a grip and wait for another bid."

Over the next two weeks, Restoration Management workers returned every day to empty the dehumidifiers and to test for water content in the house. According to Cody Gerstell,

Project Supervisor, "The water damage was extensive. Water seeps into sheetrock and drywall, and the longer it sits there, the damage is worsened. Time was of the essence. It was a must to get the contents out of the house so we could start to dry the structure. We set up to extract the water with drying equipment. With all of the equipment, everything gets warm and hot."

"Then we brought in a variety of different meters to measure water content. Some meters go into the wood, some get placed on things, and some measure the relative humidity in the air. During the process, we cleaned everything."

Then it was time for the Fallettis to consider their future. Fortunately, they were well covered by the "all risk" clause in their insurance pol-

icy, and have relatives they could stay with for the seven months it took to put their own home back into a livable condition. Rich, a general maintenance worker, was able to act as general contractor, handling the demolition and the permit process himself. He subbed out the rough plumbing and rough electrical work, but spent his days and nights doing everything else.

Today, he remembers, "It was a mess. Upstairs, we had to remove two feet of sheetrock from the floor up. The main floor was lath and plaster, and we had to take four of the five rooms down to the studs because the walls had absorbed so much water. The wiring was all wet, too."

Throughout the home restoration, the Fallettis remained optimistic, and even found a silver lining in their situation: they vetoed an "improvement" they had done in '67, when they removed the built-in dining room cabinet and replaced it with a bi-fold closet door. Luckily, they had used the built-in as storage in the garage for years, and it was in great condition, ready to be put back in its proper place. Today, with Craftsman style homes back in vogue, this original built-in is a plus.

As the days turned into weeks and months, the owners had fun reviewing design ideas and choosing fixtures. The end result is gorgeous, but it's taken sixteen months.

Happily resettled into their home, the Fallettis now agree, using a mixed metaphor, that "it's as if, out of this totally freak accident, the Phoenix rises."

For the future, as a preventive measure, the Fallettis now have a floor drain under both the new dishwasher and the washing machine, and they have a one piece toilet.

Gerstell of Restoration Management suggests that "Homeowners who will be away for days should consider turning off the water at the main, or at least the toilet."

What are the odds of a toilet cracking and causing damage to this extent? Duke, the insurance agent said, "I've never seen a case like this." Gerstell noted, "I've seen only three or four cracked toilets in the last five years. The damage in this house was so bad because no one was home."

Hardware stores sell a putty that some people might use to fill toilet cracks, but why risk it? Water is a

force to be reckoned with, and a twist of the turn-off valve may be well worth the time it takes to protect your real estate investment.

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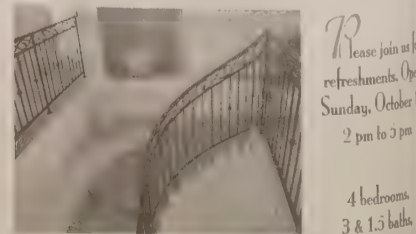
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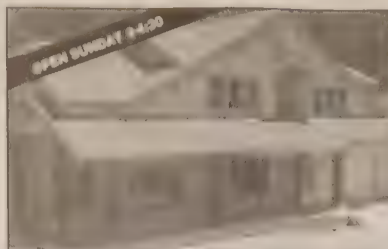
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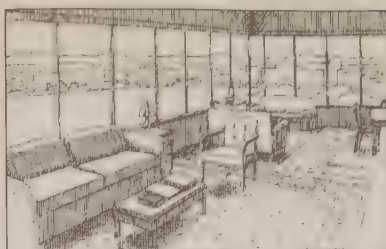
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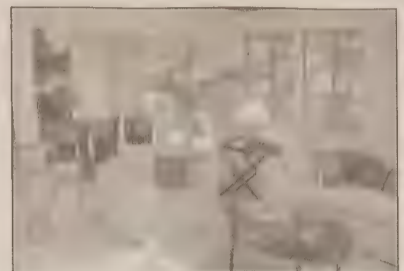
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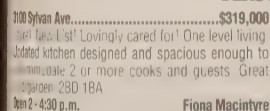


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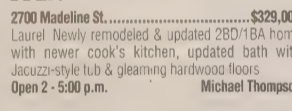


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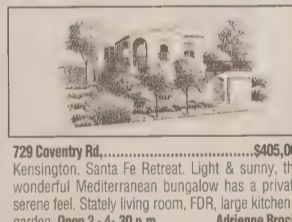


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Laurel. Newly remodeled & updated 2BD/1BA home with newer cook's kitchen, updated bath with Jacuzzi-style tub & gleaming hardwood floors
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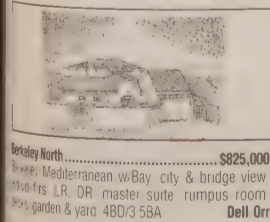


538 Crofton Ave.....\$459,000
Lakeshore. Charming traditional w/updates. Fabulous natural light, 2+BD/1BA, bonus room w/separate entry. Large yard, close to shops.
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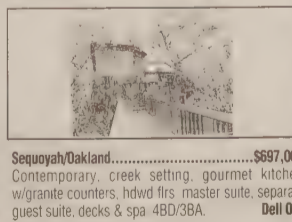


729 Coventry Rd.....\$405,000
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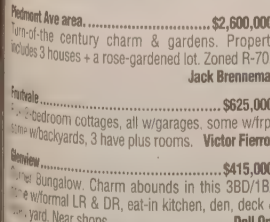
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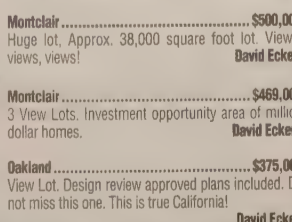
Berkeley North.....\$825,000
Besse. Mediterranean w/Bay city & bridge views. 4+BD/3.5BA, DR, master suite, rumpus room, pool, garden & yard. 4BD/3.5BA
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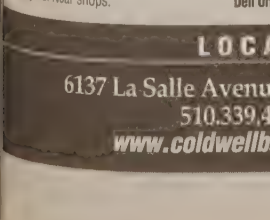
Sequoia/Oakland.....\$697,000
Contemporary, creek setting, gourmet kitchen w/granite counters, hwd flrs, master suite, separate guest suite, decks & spa. 4BD/3BA.
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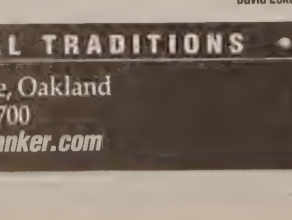
Piedmont Ave area.....\$2,600,000
Turn-of-the-century charm & gardens. Property includes 3 houses + a rose-gardened lot. Zoned R-70.
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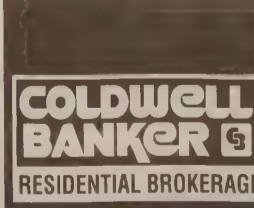
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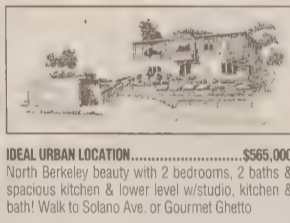
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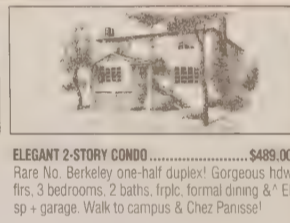
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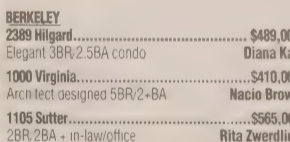


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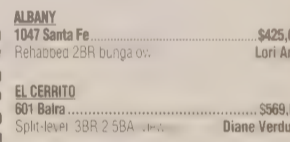


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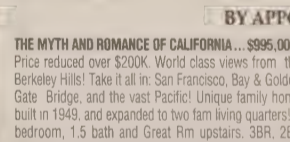
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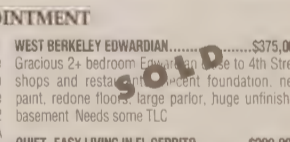
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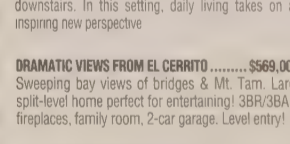
ALBANY 1047 Santa Fe.....\$425,000
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Nacio Brown



EL CERRITO 601 Balra.....\$569,000
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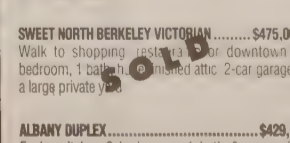


1105 Sutter.....\$565,000
2BR/2BA + in-law/office
Rita Zwerdling



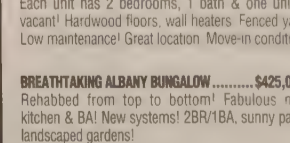
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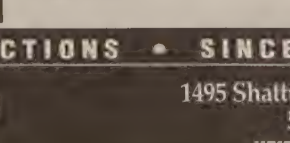
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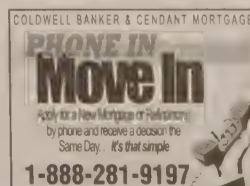
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Bernard Maybeck's rich legacy

Part one of three parts

When I was an undergraduate at UC Berkeley studying for my bachelor's degree in history, I lived on the second floor of an old apartment building at Dwight Way and Benvenue Avenue. Whenever I looked out my window, I could see the woody, trellised exterior of a strange old building that seemed to be a part of the vegetation surrounding it.

Several times a month, I noticed groups of people gathering on the sidewalk in front of this building, waiting in excited anticipation until they were ushered inside.

Every day as I walked to my classes, I glanced up at the exterior of this building, and I would notice a different detail every time. Sometimes I would see a column with mysterious group of robed figures along its capital. On other days I noticed a finely carved Gothic tracery pattern on a window, which on closer inspection turned out to have made of poured concrete.

A life-changing experience

Finally one day, I got up early enough on a Sunday morning (11:30 a.m.) to go over to the entrance to this building and ask the people who were waiting to get in why they were there. One of them informed me that this was the First Christian Science Church of Berkeley, and that it was by a famous Berkeley architect named Bernard Maybeck. When I asked her why he was so famous, she answered with a suggestion.

"Why don't you join the guided tour of the building at noon, and see for yourself."

I followed her advice, and what I saw that day literally took my breath away. I had been living in the cultural wastelands of suburban Los Angeles for six years before coming to

Berkeley, and I had never seen anything like this church in Southern California. This unique masterpiece blended elements of six different architectural styles to create a harmonious effect: Romanesque, Gothic,



By Mark A. Wilson

Byzantine, Mediterranean, Japanese, and Modern.

My discovery of Bernard Maybeck's architecture that day changed my life in a very real way. After that seminal experience, I decided to focus my college history studies on American architecture of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

I eventually obtained a master's degree in multi-media, with a thesis on the architectural legacy of Bernard Maybeck and his followers. This legacy will be the subject of my next three columns.

A grand legacy

The historical legacy of Bernard Maybeck is by far the most influential of any Bay Area architect. He was the first instructor of architectural drafting at UC Berkeley as well as the founder of the First Bay Tradition design movement.

He was also the teacher, mentor, and lifelong friend and frequent collaborator of architect Julia Morgan, the head of the architectural review committee that chose the master plan for the UC Berkeley campus, and the

designer of over 300 elegant buildings that have left a major impact on Northern California, and the Western United States.

Bernard Ralph Maybeck was born in New York City in 1862, the son of a German born wood carver and furniture maker. From his father, he learned the art of wood carving and hand craftsmanship.

But young Bernard was not satisfied with being a furniture maker, desiring a greater outlet for his budding creativity. So his father gave him permission to attend the Ecole des Beaux Arts School of Architecture in Paris with the world's most prestigious architecture program.

Between classes during his five years of studying at the Ecole, from 1882 until 1887, Maybeck traveled around Western Europe sketching old wooden houses and chalets, Gothic stone churches, and Renaissance chateau.

These studies of historic architecture would influence his designs for buildings back in the United States throughout his career.

Back in America, he went to work for a prominent New York City architectural firm of Carrier and Hastings. His first big assignment was to work on the Ponce de Leon Hotel in Saint Augustine, Florida.

But once again, his creative instincts were not given full reign. Bernard was relegated to doing mostly detail drawings and supervising the construction crews. So, soon after he completed this project, he moved westward, and eventually ended up in Berkeley in 1890.

For the first few years he lived in Berkeley, Maybeck worked for San Francisco's most important architect, Willis Polk. But one day in 1894, Bernard had a fateful encounter on a ferry boat with a young man named Charles Keeler.

For those readers who would like a unique opportunity to explore the interiors of some of Maybeck's best Bay Area work, there will be two tours of some of Maybeck's buildings this Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 510-763-0972.

Keeler was a self-described "missionary for the arts" and wealthy enough to offer Maybeck his first independent commission. He asked Maybeck to design a home and studio for him in the north Berkeley hills. Keeler also helped Maybeck get a teaching position on the faculty at UC Berkeley.

The Charles Keeler Home and Studio still stand at the corner of Highland Place and Ridge Road. It has now been divided into two units, and its original wood shingled exterior has been resurfaced in stucco.

Otherwise, it looks much as it did when it was completed by Maybeck in 1895, with its Japanese pagoda style eaves in front, its rows of banded casement windows, its high-peaked Gothic like gable in back, and the reinforced concrete chimney.

This was the very first example of Maybeck's new philosophy of design, that came to be known as the First Bay Tradition. In his 1904 book "The Simple Home," Keeler described the principles of the design philosophy. In my own master's thesis, I identified four distinct elements that are common to all First Bay Tradition buildings, regardless of their materials or purpose.

■ All First Bay Tradition buildings combine several historic motifs with modern building methods and materials.

■ Each design uniquely suites the needs of its clients, so that no two

First Bay Tradition buildings look alike.

■ These buildings employ "an open use of natural materials, honestly stated," to quote Maybeck's own poetic phrase.

■ Each First Bay Tradition building integrates both with its immediate setting, and with its natural surroundings, thereby becoming almost a part of the natural environment.

Looking ahead

In my next two columns, I will examine some of the finest remaining Bay Area examples of Maybeck's 50-year career. For those readers who would like a unique opportunity to explore the interiors of some of Maybeck's best Bay Area work, there will

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This Sunday a tour called "Maybeck Country" will explore buildings in the East Bay. This tour will include the Temple of Wings on Burton Way, Maybeck's unique "sack" house where he spent his last years. First Christian Science Church, the rebuilt Chick House in the land hills, where there will be a reception and talk on Maybeck's career.

These Maybeck tours are sponsored by the the California Preservation Foundation, and the Maybeck Foundation. For more information and to request reservations, call the foundation at 510-763-0972.

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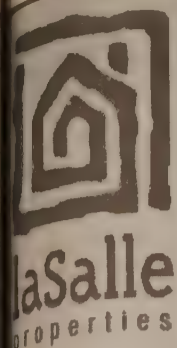
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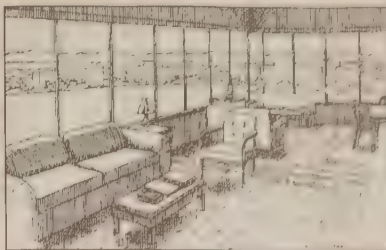
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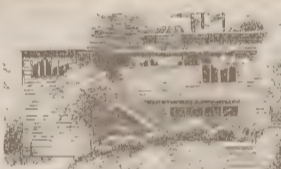


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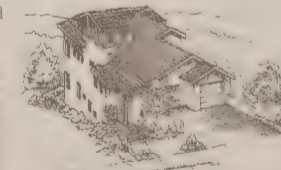
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 328 Galway Bay - \$518,000
 705 Grand St - \$820,000
 1125 Island Dr - \$337,500
 6 Killdeer Ct - \$249,000
 1506 Lincoln Av - \$460,000
 2804 Lincoln Av - \$486,500
 1095 Melrose Av - \$350,000
 1305 Mound St - \$338,000
 10 Oak Park Dr #16 - \$380,000
 1109 Otis Dr - \$462,000
 214 Pacific Av - \$337,500
 811 Pacific Av - \$335,000
 86 Sable Pointe - \$589,000
 2271 San Jose Av - \$330,000
 636 Sandalwood Isle - \$620,000
 23 Sandpiper Pl - \$625,000
 950 Shorepoint #303 - \$203,000
 1809 St. Charles St - \$355,000
 1333 Webster St #A31 - \$152,000

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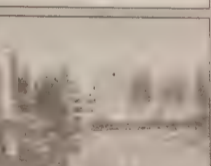
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LOWEST PRICE: \$148,000
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LOWEST PRICE: \$152,500
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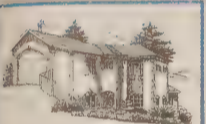
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2322 Parker, Berkeley. Just listed! Magical 2BD/2BA Edwardian. Beautifully maintained.

Gene Boomer 510-339-9290



Custom 1927 Charmer! \$375,000

Move in condition! Upper level has 2+BD/1BA. Lower level full basement, 3rd BD/1/2 BA, in-law potential. Much more!

Aliki Vasdekis

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Large 3 Units In Berkeley.....\$349,000

One upstairs 2BD/1BA plus with access to back yard. Plus two 2BD/1BA units remodeled on double parcel lot, may be buildable.

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Victorian Rowhouse...\$289,000

Coming soon! 2BD/1BA on large lot w/full bsmt & attic. Has brick foundation, as is sale.

Marylou Loomis 510-527-9800

LOTS FOR SALE

Claremont Lot.....\$269,000

Wonderful downslope lot. Never before built on. Canyon views. Survey available. Great location.

Miriam Wilson 510-986-9564

Kensington Lot Available!.....\$250,000

Almost flat! Great serene area! Rare opportunity! Call now for plot maps/soils summary. Great neighborhood!

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255 PARK VIEW AVENUE.....\$675,000

Wonderful family home in PIEDMONT. 5 bedrooms. 2 bathrooms, den, plus room, dining room, living room w/fireplace. Deck, storage galore. Near schools.

Kevin Kennedy ext. 204



1900 GASPAR DRIVE.....\$469,000

Wonderful Value! Bright Montclair contemporary w/fab. view, 5BD/3BA, sunny decks, private level backyard, walk to village, park & schools

Katie Meadow ext. 288



4638 SAN SEBASTIAN.....\$489,000

Stylish traditional in Glenview with view! Elegant living room & matching formal dining room w/Bay & San Francisco view. Three bedrooms, gorgeously updated bath. Spacious kitchen. Hardwood floors. Private yard w/patio, hot tub, grass play area. Truly delightful home!

Stan Hammond ext. 346



2700 RAWSON.....\$269,900

Maxwell PK - Spacious 4BD/2BA w/family room, hwdw floors & new carpets, eat-in kitchen, formal dining room, lg. mstr bdrm, sunny level yard.

Kate Phillips 436-4100



507 WICKSON AVENUE #307...\$164,000

1+1 Condo over 900 sq. ft., lovely enclosed deck for office, study, or guestroom. Updated kitchen & bath, wall to wall carpet. Views from the deck onto hills & city lights.

Patsy Buhler ext. 238



15 WYMAN PLACE.....\$279,000

Marvelous split-level traditional! Beautiful hwdw flrs in bedrooms, living & dining rooms. Large EIK w/attached laundry area. Spacious family room, incredible basement office workshop & storage space. Enjoy the delightful front yard & back patio area w/lovely plants plus a magnificent redwood & stately oak tree. Garage, carport & off street parking.

Carol Robbiano ext. 292

BY APPOINTMENT

MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION-HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$749,000
Townhome with panoramic views of Bay & Golden Gate, immaculate with beautiful custom design and innumerable upgrades.

Chris Christensen ext. 242

EL CERRITO CHARMER.....\$280,000
Built in 1948, 3+BD/1BA. Hardwood floors except kitchen. Fresh interior paint, remodeled bath. Basement/workshop, rear patio w/brick BBQ. Pest report available

Frank Hennefeld 654-6461

PERFECT FOR ARTIST OR CONTRACTOR!.....\$249,000
Spacious Maxwell PK 2BD/2BA with family room, freshly painted in & out, updated tile kitchen, large "compound" like lot with extra large shed for studio, workshop, or storage!

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MARVELOUS NORTH BAY & CANYON VIEWS.....\$240,000
Great level-in downslope in excess of 10,000 sq. ft. Neighboring homes range from \$800,000 to \$1,000,000.

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BUILDERS MUST SEE.....\$90,000
Three contiguous lots sold as a package with partial Bay and Canyon views. Seller will provide current soil reports for \$1500.

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6859 THE TURN.....\$80,000
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Sales

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MEDIAN PRICE: \$0.00
AVERAGE PRICE: \$150,000

AUTUMN

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$154,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$385,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$0.00
AVERAGE PRICE: \$269,750

WINTER

TOTAL SALES: 92
LOWEST PRICE: \$92,500

HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$250,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$317,299

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$840,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,838,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$1,107,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,261,667

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 32
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$393,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$186,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$206,422

SAN LEANDE

TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$155,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$520,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$263,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$283,354

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$187,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$280,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$260,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$248,417

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3159 LEWISTON

New Listing! Large traditional in the Elmwood. 4+BR, 2+BA, eat-in kitchen, studio/playroom, garage conv to office, usable attic. Convenient location.

Faye Keogh, ext. 126.....\$850,000



2700 CLAREMONT BLVD. Open Sunday 2-4

Wonderful traditional w/level entry! All main rms open to a covered, private patio & gardens. 3BR + den, 2.5BA, formal dining rm & eat-in kitchen. A rare opportunity for the finest neighborhood!

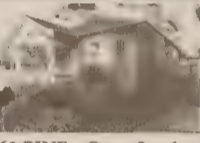
Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$795,000



1710 THOUSAND OAKS • Open Sunday 2-5

Wonderful traditional with grand proportions and Bay views! 4BR, 2.5BA, lovely yard, 2 car garage, walk to Solano shops!

Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$745,000



2963 PINE • Open Sunday 2-4

3BR, 2.5BA Very special Elmwood bungalow. Hardwood floors, formal dining, fireplace in living room, updated kitchen.

Paul Templeton, ext. 131.....\$685,000



3103 COLLEGE AVE. Open Sunday 2-4:30

3BR, 1.5BA. Elmwood Brown Shingle Craftsman w/orig. details. Very charming. Huge yard. Built-ins. Stained glass windows. Simply beautiful.

Nancy Noman, ext. 124.....\$595,000



159 TAMAIPAIS

Architecturally distinguished "fairy tale" property in magical community! Built in 1925, designed by W.R. Yelland! 1 BR, 1.5BA. Needs complete restoration. A pied à terre within walking distance to parks, shops & UCB.

Susie Schevill, ext. 144.....\$370,000

2637 ELLSWORTH • Open Sunday 2-4 New listing! Classic 1920's bungalow converted to a lovely duplex. Intriguing possibilities. Both units have beautiful country style kitchens w/amazing vintage gas stoves. This is a very special property. Walk to Berkeley Bowl, BART, College Ave. 2BR/1BA down & extra large 1BR/1BA splitlevel. Surrounded by a sweet garden. Detached garage/artist studio.

Ruth Frassetto, ext. 147.....\$449,000

BERKELEY/OAKLAND



TOP OF THE WORLD

Claremont Hills Beauty! New construction of the finest quality! Spectacular views & wonderful grounds! 5BR, den, kitchen/family rm, 3.5BA, formal dining room, fireplace, walk-in closet, Marlene Leverette, ext. 121

Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$1,800,000

ROCKRIDGE BEAUTY Wonderful light filled Tudor with pretty courtyard, large private garden.
Leslie Avant, ext. 124.....\$499,000

NEW PRICE! 5343 BROADWAY TERRACE Rockridge. Gorgeous golf course views from this lovely & sunny 3BR, 2BA unit. Well maintained. Open secure building very conveniently located near College Ave & public trans.
Anne Van Dyke, ext. 137.....\$309,000

EL CERRITO



7808 EUREKA • Open Sunday 1-4

El Cerrito Hills. New listing! Charming 3BR, 1.5BA w/a great flr plan. Light-filled, easy access to wonderful flat park-like yard! Many extras include: attached garage, new Milgard windows, add. storage, close to BART & Fat Apple's.

Anne Van Dyke, ext. 137.....\$345,000

OAKLAND



UPPER ROCKRIDGE

Grand traditional on quiet street w/level out gardens! 5BR, 3BA, large formal dining rm, updated eat-in kit, fam rm w/ fireplace & den w/wet bar!

Bebe McRae, ext. 145.....\$750,000



NEW PARKWOODS LISTING!!

260 Caldecott Lane #113 • Open Sunday 2-4:30 Handsome & most desired "Piedmont" 2BR/2BA condo in most quiet location. Large, light & private. Superb amenities: pool, sauna, gym, security, parking.

Tricia Swift, ext. 140.....\$385,000

PIEDMONT

123 WALDO Beautiful, sunny traditional in Central Piedmont. Living room with French doors to rear patio & garden. Leaded glass windows. Master suite with Art Deco bath. Updated kitchen with eat-in area. Cozy study. Truly special.

Nancy Noman, ext. 124.....\$1,295,000



26 Marston Road, Orinda



Nancy Rothman

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Open Sunday 1-4 New Listing Views & Style In Orinda

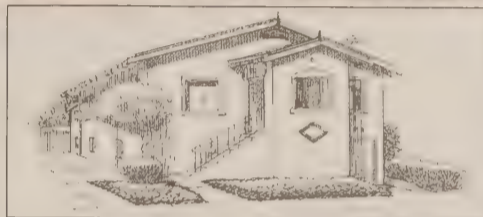
Artistic, warm and sophisticated with an open floor plan and magnificent views. Nearly 3/4 acre surrounded by undeveloped protected land. Dramatic foot ceilings and walls of glass open to the serene setting, decks and oversized pool. Features three bedrooms, cook's kitchen, family room, three remodeled baths and hardwood floors.

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CHRIS EHLERS-HARDIE

524-9888 ext. 22 \$285,000



BERKELEY, 1147 Keith Ave. Just Listed! Open Sunday 2-4. Normandy castle with Golden Gate views. Formal dining room in turret. Elegant living room with fireplace and view. Master bedroom with separate entrance. 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms. Excellent condition. Large, private lot.

TRACY SICKTERMAN 524-9888 ext. 27

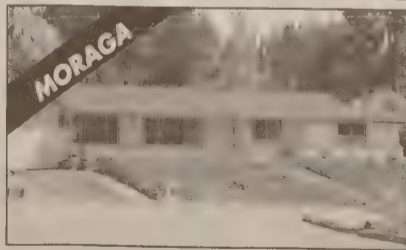
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10000 Lakeside Dr. Lakeside & Son	380	2-4	\$98,000
3800 Lakeside Dr. Lakeside & Son	380/2BA	2-4	\$98,000
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BERKELEY

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3100 College Ave. Elmwood	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$95,000
1670 Thousand Oaks RED OAK (510) 280-2178, Grace	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$98,000
2637 Ellsworth Dugan	bd/ba	2-4	\$449,000
911 Regal Road RED OAK (510) 280-2114, Judy	380/2BA	2-4	\$449,000
1680 LeRoy RED OAK (510) 280-2108, Radcliffe	380/1BA	2-4	\$395,000
2322 Parker Gene Bonner, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$349,000
1237 Ordway St. RED OAK (510) 280-2138, Diane	280	2-5	\$272,000
2640 San Pablo Ave. 380/2 1BD, Sun. 12-6:25/5,000/4p	380/2 1BD	Sun. 12-6:25/5,000/4p	
By Owner, 888-224-2003			
1721 Berkeley Way #9 Thornhill Properties, Lee Goodwin, (510) 848-1950, 228	280/1BA	2-4	\$218,000

EL CERRITO

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
8505 Maiden Herman Sun Marvin Gardens R.E., (510) 559-2929	3 - 80/2 -	2-4	\$699,000
2707 Arlington Anna Lai 510-527-9800 Prudential CA Realty	580/3BA	1-4	\$540,000
443 Lexington Claudia Brown 510-527-9800 Prudential CA Realty	280/2BA	1-4	\$499,900
934 Contra Costa Carol Heath-Hill 510-527-9800 Prudential CA Realty	3 80/2BA	2-4	\$497,000
934 Contra Costa Dr. Carol Heath-Hill, (510) 525-2346, Prudential	3 - 80/2BA	2-4	\$497,000
7800 Eureka El Cerrito Hills Anne Van Dyke 510-652-2133/137 Templeton Laverette	380/1 1/2BA	1-4	\$345,000
1612 Everett St. RED OAK (510) 280-2145, Linda	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$325,000

HERCULES

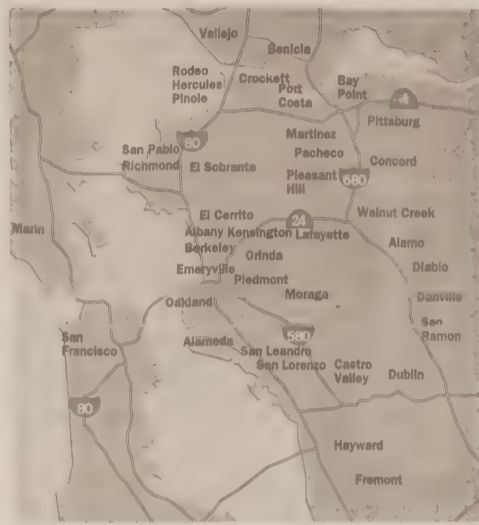
Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
121 Zircon Ct. Susan Wendt, Brkr. 1st California Homes	480/3BA	2-4	\$495,000

KENSINGTON

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
61 Norwood Ave. Celia Concus, (510) 527-0211, Millstein & Assoc. R.E.	5 - bd/3.5ba	1-4	\$825,000
130 York Ave. Celia Concus, (510) 527-0211, Millstein & Assoc. R.E.	280/2.5BA	2-5	\$570,000

OAKLAND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6042 Manchester Dr. Upper Rockledge Sandra Vogl 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$2,375,000
904 Alvarado CLAREMONT, Little Beauty, (510) 526-5143, Prudential	480/3BA	2-5	\$1,695,000
6146 Ocean View Rockledge Judith Eames/Sheila Sabino 510-329-5055 Prudential CA Realty	480/4ba	2-4	\$1,595,000
5973 Contra Costa Rd. DEE & JOE KNOWLAND 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 - bd 3 - ba	2-4	\$1,495,000
914 Aquarius Way Montclair Asian Patti Tunney 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,395,000
111 Taurus Ave. Montclair Debra J Dryden 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,275,000



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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
725 Hillgirt Cir. 4 plex - college Charlotte Claybaugh, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-9586	4 plex - college	2-4:30	\$1,200,000
6201 Swainland Rd. Montclair DEE & JOE KNOWLAND 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	480/2 1/2BA	2-4	\$1,195,000
6207 Mathieu Ave. Upper Rockledge Rosalie Marshall 510-428-0900 Prudential CA Realty	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,190,000
6920 Norfolk Dr. North Oakland Hills Carolyn Jones 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	480/2 1/2BA	2-4	\$1,145,000
7020 Devon Way Claremont Hills Fae Coplin 510-526-0900 REMAX	5bd/3.5BA	2-5	\$1,049,000
2301 Wastlands 380/3 - ba Rudy Ng/Pat Whittington 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	380/3 - ba	2-4:30	\$975,000
6319 Castle Dr. Montclair Honey Leland 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	380/3BA	2-4:30	\$915,000
6183 Swainland Rd. Montclair Roy Pock/Broker, (510) 554-3457	480/4 1/2BA	Sun. 1-5	\$895,000
7455 Woodrow Dr. Montclair Fae Coplin 510-526-0900 LaSalle Properties	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$895,000
663 Carlton Ave. Crocker Highlands Doreen Thern, (510) 534-2010, Prudential CA Realty	3 - bd/3ba	2-4:30	\$849,000
22 Tiffany Lane Montclair Jim Forquer LaSalle Properties 510-339-8900	480/3BA	2-4:30	\$780,000
6140 Rockridge Blvd. S. Montclair Ron Kries, Lawton & Assoc., 510-547-5970	380/2BA	1-6	\$749,000
420-422 Lee St. 3 Plex, Adams Point Conce Rogers 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	580/4BA	2-4:30	\$729,000
805 Rosemount Rd. Crocker Highlands James Garcia 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$695,000
2376 Woolsey St. Dugan Camille Rogers 510-445-0200 Prudential CA Realty	3bd/3-ba	2-4	\$695,000
6183 Girvin Dr. Montclair Helen Nicholas 510-339-8900 LaSalle Properties	4 - 80/4BA	2-4:30	\$688,000

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6400 Valley View Herald Homes, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-0570	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$439,000
616 Chetwood Ave. David Weinman Realty Advisors 510-429-0757	2 - bd/1ba	Sun. 2-6	\$429,000
3382 Jordan Rd. Redwood Heights Steven Jung, Progress Investment 510-882-8538	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$429,000
4295 Fruitvale Ave. Montclair Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-0806	380/2BA	2-4:30	\$419,000
1661 Mountain Blvd. Montclair Howard Cameron, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$408,000
219 Mather Montclair Thornhill Properties, Nancy, (510) 848-1950, 228	380/2 1/2BA	2-4	\$399,000
97 Montclair Street David Kerr, Montclair Better Homes, 510-287-5675	480/4ba	2-4:30	\$395,000
462 Hamover Ave. Haddon Hill Aven Nicholas 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 - 80 1 1/2BA	2-4	\$389,000
6725 Thornhill Jennifer Arthur, Montclair Better Homes, 510-869-8872	280/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$389,000
926 MacArthur Blvd. China Hill Ed Kon 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$385,000
260 Colcott Ln. #113 Parkwoods Tricia Swift 510-652-2133/140 Templeton Laverette	280/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$385,000
63 Terrell Court Oakland Hills YB4 Landco, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	280/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$389,000
200 Lakeshore Dr. #201 TOM ERWIN 510-339-8900 LaSalle Properties	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$369,000
2700 Madeline St. Laurel Michael Thompson 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$348,000
3432 Guido St. N. Hinkley, 510-428-0900 Prudential CA Realty	380/4ba	2-4	\$339,000
643 57th St. Dan Joy 510-339-8900 LaSalle Properties	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$329,000
4124 Shafter Ave. Financial Anne Foster 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	280	2-4	\$327,000
3100 Sylvan Laurel Flora MacIntyre 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$319,000
3506-3508 Suter St. Duplex Teresa Chan, Montclair Better Homes, 510-807-2340	580/2BA	2-4:30	\$318,000
4029 Webster St. Terrence Judy Ranken 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	380/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$310,000
852 Paloma Ave. Crocker Jeffrey Himmel 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	3 - 1/2BA	2-4	\$299,000
887-56th St. NORTH OAKLAND, Chris Ebers-Hardie Berkeley Hills R.E. 524-8689, 122	3bd/2ba	2-5	\$285,000
15 Wyman Place Maxwell Park Carol Robbiano 510-531-7000/282 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	280/1BA	2-4:30	\$278,000
2700 Rawson Maxwell Park Kate Phillips 510-436-4100 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$269,000
4321 Fleming Ave. Maxwell Park Sandra Porter 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	280/1BA	2-5	\$259,000
2920 Mira Ave. Lower Laurel Penny Schultz 510-534-2010 Prudential CA Realty	280/1BA	2-5	\$239,000
5414 Hillen Maxwell Park Feliccia Owens, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	380/1BA	2-4:30	\$225,000
4500 Marrose Dorsey Blag Marvin Gardens R.E., (510) 559-2908	2 - 80	2-4	\$210,000

OAKLAND

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507 Wickson Ave #307 Grand Lake Polly Butler 510-651-7000/282 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	1 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$184,000
908 85th Ave. Herald Homes 510-651-7000/282 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	2 - 80/1BA	2-4:30	\$146,000
288 Whitmore St. #212 Lala H. Resolutions.com 510-834-2010/282 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	480/1BA	2-4:30	\$79,000

ORINDA

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
7253 Snake Road Montclair Gene Bonner, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	480/2BA	2-4:30	\$579,000
811 York St. #115 Gene Bonner, Prudential CA Realty, 510-339-9290	280/2BA	2-4:30	\$298,000

PIEDMONT

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551 Mountain Ave. Joanne Hirsch 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	580/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$2,290,000
121 Hagar Ave. Miles, Beaumont 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	480/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,195,000
135 Loxford Rd. Elizabeth Dickson 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	4 84/3 Ba	2-5	\$885,000

POINT RICHMOND

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
730 Golden Gate Barrie Scott Marvin Gardens R.E., (510) 559-2903	280	2-4:30	\$279,000
594 Blair Ave. Elizabeth Dickson 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	380/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$795,000
90 Woodland Way Kurt Buchholz 510-339-0400 The GRUBB Co.	480/4BA	2-4:30	\$688,000
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255 Park View Ave. Kevin Kennedy 510-531-7000/282 Wells & Bennett Rtrs.	580/2BA	2-4:30	\$675,000

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5615 Hazel Ave. Richmond View Wendy Sprague 510-339-6460 Pacific Union	380/1 1/2BA	2-4	\$298,000
1674 Butte RICHMOND AMEX, Joan Underwood Marvin Gardens R.E., (510) 559-2911	280/1BA	2-4	\$248,000

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14635 Outrigger Dr. Tara Lee, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4840	280/1BA	2-4	\$285,000
14625 Outrigger Dr. Tara Lee, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4840	280/1BA	2-4	\$285,000
14023 Seagate Dr. Tara Lee, Harbor Bay Realty, 510-814-4840	280/2BA	2-4	\$225,000

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730 Pleasant Hill

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730A Pleasanton

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Complete Remodel

Walk into gorgeous 4bd/2ba beautiful hwd & tile firs. Conat counters, lg yd, w/pool & side access \$220K as is \$10,612-4

732 Richmond

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729 Pittsburg

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734 Rossmore

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4BD/3BA \$625,000 Crest Ave

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Sat. 10/14, 9-4 PM
4811 Navajo Ct.
BOYDS BEARS
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Sun. 10/15, 9-4 PM
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Fri-Sat, 10/13-14, 9-5
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2 Family Garage Sale
#2 & #3
Something for everyone!
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Sun. 10/15, 9-4 PM
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1405 Mira Vista Ct.
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No early birds. Fri. & Sat. 10/13-14, 9-5
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(Off W. 16th or 10th)

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brass, tools, etc. items
also, baskets, & so much
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birds, 5 households participating.

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
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Will Vallejo weather the storm?

Far away in cold, rainy Scotland, while Jim Thorpe was enjoying his moment in the California sun, there was controversy.

While the A's and Giants lost, while the Raiders beat the 49ers, Annika Sorenstam slumped on the 13th green at Loch Lomond GC and wept, the victim, she felt, of unsportsmanlike conduct by the American team in the Solheim Cup, which is the women's version of the Ryder Cup.

Time and place might easily have shuffled this incident to a remote corner of our filing cabinet. But the principles on both sides of this argument were in Vallejo the next day, explaining.

Vallejo? Yes, that Vallejo. The town at the other end of the Carquinez Bridge. How quickly it is that a seemingly remote event can hit home.

Most of the players in the Solheim Cup boarded a plane that night for a 22-hour flight to the Bay Area. Hiddenbrooke Country Club in Vallejo is the site of the Samsung World Championship of Golf this week, an elite competition of the top 20 women in golf.

There is an added local angle to the controversy. Pat Hurst of San Leandro was a principle.

Toward the end of the best-ball matches on Sunday morning, with the U.S. team trying to chip away at a big deficit, U.S. teammates Hurst and Kelly Robbins were 1-up on the 13th hole of a tight match with Sorenstam and Janice Moody.

Hurst had hit a marvelous approach, and had less than three feet for birdie. Sorenstam was some distance off the green and pitched her ball into the cup for what appeared to be a halve. But Robbins noticed walking to her ball that Sorenstam was closer to the hole than she was. Sorenstam was not "away," and had played out of turn.

Chief referee Ian Randall was summoned, and he spelled out rule 10-1c: The U.S. could order Sorenstam to re-play the shot, or they could let the result stand. U.S. captain Pat Bradley sent Sorenstam back to play the shot again. She made a good shot, but it did not go into the cup. Hurst made birdie and won the hole for the U.S.

Sorenstam was shaken and in tears. Hurst and Robbins went on to a 2-and-1 victory, and Sorenstam was whipped by Juli Inkster that afternoon in singles competition.

For the record, Europe won the Cup. For the tabloids, that was not the story.

"I couldn't believe she hit that fast," Hurst said. "At the very least her cadence should have stopped her and made sure it was her turn."

Sorenstam was still smarting on Wednesday in Vallejo.

"We all talked about how to make this a first-class event, show the men how to do it," Sorenstam said, alluding to the way the American Ryder Cup team stormed the 17th green at The Country Club near Boston last year. "Personally, I don't think it turned out that way."

The American team in last year's Ryder Cup was accused of similar unsportsmanlike behavior, and the Europeans have not forgotten.

Laura Davies was a little more blunt.

"It was very unsporting," she said. "Everyone realizes it was a mistake."

The Golf Channel is here in Vallejo, and will televise the first three rounds (the final round is on CBS). Most of the players are outspoken about the incident, on camera. The Golf Channel is seen around the world.

The incident is stormy enough. Did these golfers have to bring that Scottish weather with them as well? It is easy to discern who played in the Solheim; they all have runny noses and cough a lot.

Se Ri Pak is the defending champion at Hiddenbrooke, which will host this event at least for the next three years. Karrie Webb, who has done to the LPGA Tour this year what a guy

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ALBANY'S ALISON WEST AND AMY JIM attacked at the net against Piedmont on Oct. 10. League champions for eight years, Albany fell in four games to Piedmont.

Brazil's 10 kills not enough — first loss in league for Albany in 8 years

PIEDMONT — It was a battle of the unbeaten, an ACCAL rivalry with a history, and the girls' volleyball teams of Albany and Piedmont were certainly up to the challenge Tuesday evening at Piedmont.

In a thrilling and hard-fought match, the Highlanders (6-0) came back from a big deficit and outlasted the Cougars (5-1) in four games, winning for the first time in eight years over their undefeated (in league play) counterparts.

After losing the first game by a lopsided 15-2 margin, the Highlanders stormed back to take the next three games — tension-filled affairs that were decided by the minimum two-point margin, 15-13, 16-14 and, finally, a 17-15 heartstopper that ended in an emotional rush to midcourt by the Piedmont bench.

A drained coach Danielle Anderson described the win: "It was simply awesome, the way our girls came back. I am incredibly proud of their effort. The fact that we could play our game was big."

The match did not start out that way. Albany, coming into the contest 5-0 in league play and with a long winning tradition, took charge early behind the dominant net play of co-captain Shannon Brazil, who was brilliant throughout the match with 10 kills, five set assists, two aces, over a dozen digs and innumerable

saves. Along with fellow veteran captains, setter Amy Jin and outside hitter Alison West, the Cougars blitzed through the first game in 10 minutes, 15-2, stunning the home team and silencing the fans.

Behind a hustling defense and an opportunistic offense, Albany continued to exploit their opponents' weaknesses and charged out to an 11-0 lead over the shell-shocked Highlanders in the second game compelling Anderson to call a time out to try to slow down the Cougars.

At this moment, however, Albany coach Nedra Anderson decided to use her starters' rest and brought in several substitutes. What seemed at the time to be a desperate strategy proved devastating in hindsight. Coach Anderson seized the moment.

"We made a switch on the 20-1 side, putting in Dana (Barber) to shore up the defense, and they stopped scoring at will on us. That was the turning point — when we just decided that we would do what was needed to keep the ball alive," Anderson said.

Led by the Leahy twins, Katie and Marya, Piedmont came alive, whittling away at the big lead. A huge block by Katie Leahy turned the momentum at 13-8, and strong serving by senior Kendall Kirby tied the score at 13. Albany could not get the ball to Brazil, and Piedmont closed it out with two long rallies to take the game 15-13 and even the score at 1-1.

The Highlanders picked up where they left off in game three and ran out to a 10-2 lead behind the fired-up play of senior setter Katie Hilton, playing with an injured knee. Hilton was everywhere in this match, serving, setting, digging and scoring.

But Albany would not fold the tent. Energized by a big block by sophomore

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'Jackets sink Scots

Schooley scores 4 goals, Rivera 3 in ACCAL win

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT — After seeing their girls' team lose a 4-0 lead to Piedmont and ultimately the match, the Berkeley High boys' water polo team entered the Piedmont Community Pool determined the same thing would not happen to them.

It didn't. The Yellowjacket males scored early and often and went on to defeat the Highlanders 13-6 to remain undefeated in the Bay Shore Athletic League with a 3-0 record (7-2 overall). In the ACCAL, they have defeated De Anza and Pinole Valley. Berkeley must still play Bishop O'Dowd and Alameda but right now, the 'Jackets are looking good.

"We were in a tournament with them (Piedmont) a couple of weeks ago and although we never played them, we finished fifth and they finished 11th, so we know we'd probably win," Joe Rivera said.

The key for the Yellowjackets came in the latter part of the first period and the beginning of the second when they scored nine straight goals to break at 1-1 tie. David Schooley, who is 6-foot-7, scored four of them as he and Rivera dominated the middle.

"From that point we just tried to work on set plays," the Yellowjackets' Carl Nasman said. "What we did in the beginning is that we counterattacked. Against fast teams, we need to work on set plays."

"This game was important because with no playoffs you just get one shot at each opponent. There's more pressure in each game."

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BERKELEY'S KODY KEFFER (3) attempted a shot of Piedmont's Linda Mickel during their league match in Piedmont on Oct. 10. The Highlanders rallied to win 7-5.

Piedmont girls rally past Berkeley

Yellowjackets see 4-0 lead disappear

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

PIEDMONT — It is sometimes best to let sleeping dogs lie. Or Highlanders at least.

The Berkeley girls water polo team took a 4-0 lead against Piedmont Tuesday afternoon only to discover that the Scots were the best in show in a 7-5 loss. The defeat was significant, dropping

the Yellowjackets' record to 4-5 overall and 1-1 in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League. There are no ACCAL playoffs in this sport; the league winner automatically qualifies for the North Coast Section Championships and others must apply for at-large berths. The Highlanders are in the catbird seat with an undefeated league record.

From the start, the match was a tough defensive struggle. Cody Keffer, the acknowledged team leader, gave the Yellowjackets a 1-0 lead with 4:35 left in the first period. Trina Jones almost scored seconds later when her shot hit the top

of the goal and rebounded over the top. Carrie Guilfoyle made it 2-0 with 16 seconds left in the period when Piedmont goalie Jessica Falarski partially blocked the shot, but saw the ball slowly dribble in and hit the back of the goal.

Berkeley made a play to break the match wide open in the second quarter as Keffer scored two goals in the first

Prep girls water polo

Piedmont 7
Berkeley 5

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Great moments on gridiron

There are times in High School Sports where the memory is etched in your mind for all time, or at least until the next memory comes along. After a 70-minute drive from San Jose to Livermore that should have taken 40, I arrived at Granada high school to see a seven- nothing Granada lead on the scoreboard. I have to admit I expected Foothill to be ahead; after all it has been 12 years since the Matadors had beaten Foothill and Foothill was 4-0, off to another great start.

The jam-packed crowd on the Granada side was colorful and lively. One student painted in green and yellow with a fuzzy wig was yelling as loud as he could at the Sports Focus camera. The stress from the long drive turned to the excitement of a big game. Two undefeated teams trying to make their mark on the competitive, unpredictable East Bay league. In this league every game is crucial, every win incredibly valuable.

I kept the camera rolling as Foothill began pouring it on, Head Coach Matt Sweeney called for a pooch kick after a score, the Falcons got to the ball first. In the blink of an eye Foothill had a 17-7 lead. Coach Sweeney is well known for his creativity. Two years in a row he used successful fum-



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Focus on Sports

blusky plays in crucial games. The experienced Falcons had sent a message. Now it was up to Granada to respond. Would the Matadors fold, or would they prove they have arrived as a team.

The answer: Moey Mutz. If you have to pick a team to win a football team, you would want that team to have a player named Moey Mutz. Granada has that player. Mutz had five catches in the game for 113 yards and two touchdowns. Which brings me back to the memorable moment. Up 20-17, the Matadors had the ball on the Foothill 23. A score here would all but clinch the game for Granada. A less confident team might try and run the ball to kill the clock and let the defense save. Instead, Gingerly called for a double pass. Quarterback Daren Pasut hit Kevin Abramson, who took his time, loaded, and fired to the end zone. There, standing all alone, waiting for the ball was Moey Mutz. Game over.

Las Lomas was on the wrong

end of last second heroics earlier this year in a loss to league rival Miramonte. This was a chance for the Knights to show they would fold and walk through the rest of the season. But they did not. Las Lomas won again Friday night; the Knights are now 4-1 overall 3-1 in league. The big deal here is Las Lomas beat an Alhambra team that came into the game undefeated and looking unbeatable. Dan Elbanna ran for 176 yards and two touchdowns in the game. Sure Miramonte has a leg up on the Knights. But it's a long league season still ahead.

Few people probably noticed, but there was a story within the game when Irvington met Mission San Jose last Friday. Dane Lentz, a 16-year-old junior lineman at Mission San Jose, was playing against his brother, Ivan, a senior wide receiver/defensive back. The two talked about it all week, giving each other a hard time. But the story goes further. The boys' parents are both deaf. In fact, their dad Gil is the head football coach at the California School for the Deaf. Their mom Alyce teaches English to deaf students at Olhonne College. We'll show you how the family reacted to the game in Sports Focus this Saturday night at seven. See you then.

Spartans march past Panthers

PINOLE — The Spartans' offense came out firing in the first quarter, scoring 19 points in the first six minutes of the game.

On the first play from scrimmage in the game, Pinole Valley quarterback Adrian Smith connected with Marcus Maxwell on an 82-yard touchdown pass. The duo hooked up again for a 31-yard score on the Spartans' next possession, and a 94-yard pass from Smith to Marcus Davis made the score 19-0 with six minutes, 27 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Smith had an impressive game, as he completed nine of his 12 pass

attempts for 307 yards and three touchdowns.

Maxwell had five catches for 155 yards, while Davis added four catches for 135 yards.

Pinole Valley's D'Andre McFarland paced all ball carriers with 125 yards on 15 carries. Danny Wheeler was St. Mary's leading rusher with 88 yards on 11 carries. The Panthers scored their touchdown on a 54-yard fumble return by Phil Weatheroy in the third quarter.

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three minutes for a 4-0 lead. Sonja Graves assisted on the first goal and Keffer also hit the post on another shot with 5:40 left.

Down 4-0 with 4:37 left in the second period, Piedmont called time out.

"Most of these players know each other as they play club water polo together," Piedmont coach Aileen Finney said. "I told them to quit treating this (match) as a practice — it was a match we had to win. We were listless."

Whatever was said, the Highlanders came back and scored two goals in the last 2:30 to cut the lead to 4-2. Kelly Meelia-Teevan scored first and Jessica Frizell the second when Meelia-Teevan's short shot caromed off the goalie and went right to Frizell.

The momentum of the match had turned.

The Scots significantly tightened their defense as Berkeley became

more and more frustrated. Piedmont scored four goals in the third period, three by Meelia-Teevan, in the first six minutes and Berkeley didn't get off a shot. The Jackets called time-out with 2:33 left, but Julia Follick scored to make it 7-4 with 2:05 left. That score stood going into the final period as Berkeley was unable to capitalize with a 6-5 advantage in the closing seconds.

Berkeley had one shot on goal in third period and it didn't get much better in the fourth. The Highlanders hunkered down on defense. Guilfoyle shot over the bar at 3:14 and Keffer finally broke the ice with a goal at 2:12 for 7-5. The Yellowjackets' last chance came at 1:15 when Molly Turner's shot was blocked.

"This was a tough battle," Berkeley coach Milt Gaebler said. "You have to give Piedmont credit. They did a couple of things right — they didn't panic when they were down 4-0. That's the mark of a good team."

"And they came battling back. That third quarter did us in. We got frustrated."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Softball players sought

The East Bay Quakes girls fast-pitch 16-under tournament team (ASA "A") looking for dedicated athletes for the autumn and 2001 seasons. Rewarding experience and competitive play available from emphasis on positive coaching and skills development. Tryouts in September and October. Call Jake Warner at 527-1751 or Bill Hoerger at 272-9262.

Charity golf and tennis

The 20th annual Russ Coughlan Classic celebrity golf and tennis tournaments will take place at the Adobe Creek Golf Club in Petaluma and Rolling Hills Club in Novato on Saturday. Participants can play golf or tennis with NFL alumni and Bay Area media personalities. The day-long event includes a gala dinner at Osher Marin JCC in San Rafael. Proceeds benefit the NFL Alumni Caring For Kids program. To participate or for tickets to the party, call 415-331-9676 for details.

Fall schedules needed

The Hills Newspapers need schedules for high school fall sports. Please fax schedules to 339-4066.

Coaches needed

Bishop O'Dowd High School is looking to fill two coaching positions. The school needs a junior varsity men's head soccer coach and a var-

sity women's lacrosse coach. Contact athletic director Mike Bowler at 577-9168.

St. Joseph-Notre Dame High School in Alameda has openings for the following coaching positions: boys assistant varsity soccer, boys junior varsity baseball, girls junior varsity softball and assistant track.

Hoop tournament looking for a team

Washington High School-Fremont needs a team to fill a boys varsity basketball tournament for Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 7-9. Call Washington coach Guin Boggs at 794-8866 or 790-0780.

Basketball players needed

The Nor-Cal select boys basketball travel teams are looking for players. The teams will play against local, regional, state and national competition. Practices will take place one or twice weekly in Oakland or San Leandro. Games will take place from September 2000 to August 2001. Tryouts are being set up now for students in sixth through eighth grades. For details, call 582-6563.

Fall basketball

Berkeley Youth Alternatives is taking registrations for its afterschool basketball programs. The Pee Wee Coed Basketball League is for play-

ers 6-7. The All-Net Coed Basketball League is for players 8-10. Girls Twilight Basketball is open to high school players. Call BYA at 845-9066.

Swimming

Orinda Aquatics now has a masters swim team for people 19 and older who want to swim competitively or just for fitness. The team, Lamorinda Masters, practices several times a week at the Soda Aquatic Center at Campolindo High School in Moraga. For details, log on to www.orindaaquatics.org or call 510-223-7966.

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COUGAR MARGARET MANSON just missed recording a dig against the Highlanders on Oct. 10. Piedmont defeated Albany 3-1.

Cougars

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Dimphy Sasse, the Cougars jumped right back in it. Mental mistakes by Piedmont opened the door, and when senior Jennifer Nejad slammed one of her six kills from the backcourt to make it 13-13, a concerned Anderson called time out. Cabezd, on the other sideline, was exhorting her players to maintain their intensity.

After some questionable line calls, both teams traded points until Katie Leahy tapped a well-placed drop shot between three Cougar defenders for the game-winner at 16-14. Leahy, who had a terrific all-around game (10 kills, five blocks), provided a much-needed scoring punch throughout the match. When interviewed after the game, the senior was still on cloud nine over her team's comeback victory.

"We've wanted to beat this team for years, and we finally did it," she said. "We just had to put that first game behind us. We decided to make all our serves and not miss anything — but it was the defense that got us back in the match. In the huddle we swore that nothing would drop — we would do what we had to do to get every ball."

Game four was a classic. Like two boxers going at it in the late rounds of a championship fight, the teams slugged it out, not allowing the other to build up momentum or a big lead.

Jackets

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Berkeley knocked off Pinole Valley 13-8 in its first Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League match.

"Their best player broke his ankle the day before we played them," Rivera said, "and two of their other starters didn't show up until the fourth quarter. That was a break for us."

Nasman scored first to give the 'Jackets a 1-0 lead at 6:26 of the first quarter and Ben Lu tied it at 1-1 at 5:02. But from then on, it was all Berkeley.

Piedmont finally broke the string with nine seconds left in the half when Dan Savage scored with the Highlanders holding a man advantage. It was 10-2, Berkeley.

After the half, Berkeley substi-

The defense in this game was superb, most notably by Albany's Brazil and Piedmont's Kirby, who accumulated an incredible total of 27 digs, several of them spectacular saves of apparent winners by Brazil, Nejad and West.

Kirby, who struggled mightily all match with her shots, had every reason to be frustrated, but stood tall at the service line with five aces and kept the Highlanders alive with her absolute refusal to give up on any balls. According to Anderson, that was the difference.

"Kendall was huge today — we knew we had to keep the ball alive and play aggressive defense," she said. "Katie (Leahy) with her blocks and kills turned it around for us. We've been working mentally — this was an all-around good game for us, and it finally breaks the streak," said the third-year coach.

As the fourth game raged on, it seemed that fatigue would have set in, but both squads picked up the intensity. A determined Brazil kept her team in the game almost single-handedly — whenever a Piedmont player would nip a hard shot to her side she would calmly put it back in the air to set up a teammate, and when she was set up herself, she pinpointed unreturnable shots that Kirby or teammate Denise Tu (12 digs) would often retrieve.

The momentum seemed to shift when Hilton returned to the floor after a long rest to give the Highlanders a 13-11 lead. But the irrepressible young Cougars were not

done yet. Cougar sophomore Katie Jensen delivered two (seven) big kills, and after forced errors by Piedmont the score was 14-14, and it looked like a test might drag on forever.

After yet another outstanding play by Brazil gave Albany a 15-14 lead, Marya Leahy made her last, biggest block of a West slam in the game. Hilton, once again in the right place at the right time, came to serve, and Albany came up at the net twice, giving Piedmont game, 17-15, and the match, 3-1.

Coach Cabezd spoke a with her team for 20 minutes after the game and was noticeably more positive afterwards.

"We played well today, played better. Piedmont had a step on us, and our passing isn't what it needs to be. We were tired at the end, and I felt like playing not to lose rather than to win. We're a powerhouse team, have another chance to look forward to it."

When asked what her challenge is in this, her senior season as the Cougars' head coach, senior replied, "I want to win. I'm out here for the team. From the looks of it, they're there for her, too."

There were no losers at the match today — only winners. If the in the playoffs is anything, game, then look out. The teams are the class of the league, they played like it today.

tuted freely and Piedmont crawled back into the match, outscoring the Yellowjackets 4-3. Berkeley was never in danger of losing the lead.

Jackets coach Bill Gaebler was charitable in his assessment of Piedmont, which got a new head coach a few weeks ago. "The Piedmont boys are in a bit of a disarray. It's hard to play a team sport when you have to rely on all six people in the water and you are introducing a new system. If they are confused, it re-

ally doesn't translate into confidence in the water. We took a little of an advantage that day."

He added: "When I told starters out, they (the Highlanders) clearly were a team that could back and be competitive. But our string beat their first string."

"We played a good match, but we got on top and stayed there. We have Alameda ahead and if we get past them, we'll probably be champions."

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Arts

Arhoolie events celebrate 40 years of preservation

By Larry Kelp
TIMES CORRESPONDENT

Just back from a trip to Washington D.C., where he became the first nonartist to receive the National Endowment for the Arts' National Heritage Fellowship, Arhoolie Records founder Chris Strachwitz almost shrugged off the honor as he prepared for his company's 40th-anniversary celebration with a week-long series of concerts and events.

He had also just issued a five-CD box set chronicling highlights of the El Cerrito label's hundreds of recordings, and is beginning to assemble funding for his Arhoolie Foundation, dedicated to preserving the music that few others have bothered with.

Tall, highly opinionated (check out his monthly radio broadcasts on KPFA-FM 94.1 for a taste of that, usually 10 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month), Strachwitz at age 69 might seem like a curmudgeon who puts down anything smacking of commercialism. But more often, he's smiling or laughing about all the music he considers himself blessed to have discovered and issued on his tiny record label.

A growing commitment

Sitting at his messy desk in a windowless second floor office in the sprawling Arhoolie building, Strachwitz can look back on a hobby that became his career, then on his life's work. Arhoolie Records isn't located in the hub of any bustling music scene; it's a bit out of the way, like the music it has issued on hundreds of LPs and compact discs.

In the former warehouse on the El Cerrito-Richmond border, Strachwitz labors to put out the music that touches his heart — folk and vernacular music of America's many cultures. Most of it has come from regular field trips to Texas, Louisiana and, increasingly, to Mexico.

He's never had a hit record, but has long been an important and influential musical archivist and ally to some of music's greatest artists who have traditionally been treated as second-class citizens. He is known for his efforts to ensure that obscure musicians on his label are paid royalties when their music is recorded elsewhere. The label is well-known to musicians, fans and collectors around the world, and the NEA award is only his latest honor.

While neither he nor most of the hundreds of artists whose music he has recorded and issued on Arhoolie (the name springs from a rural African-American term for field hollers, or "hollies") have gotten rich from his LPs and CDs, he's sold enough not only to stay in business, but to watch the label slowly grow, and to see the styles he helped introduce to the rest of the world, from Louisiana's Cajun and zydeco, to Tex-Mex border music, reach international audiences.

"I don't avoid commercial music by design," Strachwitz says, "but most commercial music by its nature is removed from what the musician had in him. I'm trying to bring that out. I don't think another country has



CHRIS STRACHWITZ'S Arhoolie Records in El Cerrito has been one of the country's leading labels for early Americana music. Arhoolie celebrates its 40th anniversary.



such a variety of great cultures as the United States. But most gringos don't know Mexican music and can't tell a mariachi from a conjunto. Most people don't care about anything but the superstars."

Strachwitz' searching out the music that moved him and putting it on

records is what created his mini-empire. His Arhoolie building also houses the world roots music record store he opened 25 years ago, Down Home Music, and the office of Les Blank, the filmmaker who has col-

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ARHOO LIE HAPPENINGS

Here are some of the concerts and events scheduled to celebrate Arhoolie Records' 40th anniversary. The concerts feature some of Arhoolie's best-known artists.

Friday — Sonny Simmons, pioneering free-jazz (avant-garde) saxophonist, with violinist Michael White. 8 p.m., Freight & Salvage Coffee House, 111 Addison St., Berkeley. \$13.50 advance/\$14.50 door. 510-548-1761.

Saturday — Savoy-Doucet Cajun Band, with California Cajun Orchestra, 9:30 p.m. (follows an 8:30 p.m. Cajun dance lesson taught by Cheryl McBride), Ashkenaz Music and Dance Community Center, 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. \$16. 510-525-5054.

Oct. 15 — Savoy-Doucet Cajun Band, 8 p.m., Freight & Salvage, \$16.50/\$17.50 door. 510-548-1761.

Oct. 18 — World premiere screening of "Sacred Steel," documentary on steel-guitar-based gospel music, and Les Blank's documentary "A Well Spent Life," about blues musician Mance Lipscomb, 7:30 p.m., Pacific Film Archive, 2621 Durant Ave., Berkeley, \$7. 510-642-1412.

Oct. 20 — The Campbell Brothers, sacred steel guitar gospel band, with gospel singer Katie Jackson, 8 p.m., Freight & Salvage, \$14.50 advance/\$15.50 door. 510-548-1761.

Oct. 21 — Santiago Jimenez Jr., Tex-Mex accordion great, with San Pablo-based Mexican folkloric youth group Los Cenzontles, 9:30 p.m. (follows an 8:30 p.m. dance class taught by Cheryl McBride), Ashkenaz, \$15. 510-525-5054.

More information: Log onto Arhoolie Records' Web site, www.arhoolie.com

BILL MANN
Media Notes

Brief items from a short attention span

Betty Ford/Jack London Square Reunion: Some days over at KGO and KSFO Radio's studios in S.F. these days, it looks like a radio reunion at Jack London Square. Tom Benner, who used to do afternoon-drive on then-country station KNEW (it's now tech station CNET, at 910 AM) when it was based in the Port of Oakland building at Jack London Square — it's now in San Fran — is now "Officer Vic," the guitar-strumming morning traffic reporter man at the conservative talk station. Benner, a funny guy who also hosts "Tom Benner's Basement" on weekends at oldies KRCR, sometimes looks through the glass and there, sitting 20 feet away, is KNEW's former morning man, Jon Wallin (remember "Wallin in the Morning"?). Wallin sometimes fills in as KGO Radio's traffic anchor (East Bay resident Wallin is usually aloft in KGO's JetCopter).

The two were reunited at 900 Front St. again this week, and Benner, an integral part of the KSFO morning show with Lee Rodgers and Melanie Morgan, tells a funny story on himself. Background: Both Wallin and Benner led — how to put this? — less-than-abundant lifestyles in the 1980s. And Benner says that when KSFO-KGO's wise-cracking production man, Mike Amatori, spotted the two together recently, Amatori joked, "It looks like the van from the Betty Ford Clinic just arrived."

I asked Benner where the pseudonym Officer Vic came from. "Both Lee Rodgers and (KGO-KSFO exec) Jack Swanson worked together years ago in Chicago. And there was a legendary radio traffic reporter there named Officer Vic. They gave me the name."

By the way, I seldom tune in KSFO except in the mornings because of its talk hosts' tiresome, seemingly nonstop Clinton- and Gore-bashing. But the intelligent Rodgers is the wittiest guy in local radio, and when he's not attacking the Prez and Veepe, he does a funny show — and singing traffic man Benner's a big plus: He plugs his antique Silverstone electric guitar right into KSFO's control board.

The Station Still at Jack London Square: That would be money machine KTVU-TV, of course, which has just signed \$600,000 anchor Dennis "The Franchise" Richmond to a new six-year deal. And starting this week, Richmond got a new co-anchor on the station's new and still-strug-

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EVENTS

Oakland Ballet — "Crystal Slipper" by Carlos Carvajal, Oct. 20 through Oct. 22. The tale of Cinderella's metamorphosis from unloved maid to beautiful princess. \$11 to \$59. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Paramount Theatre, 225 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 762-BSS or www.oaklandballet.org

Solar Home Tour 2000 — Oct. 14. See homes that incorporate inexpensive technology into roofs, windows, walls, basements and landscaping and use the light and heat of the sun to make the home more environmentally friendly than gas and electric powered homes. Part of the National Solar Home Tour program held each October and sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society. Northern California has some of the great innovations in solar home-building and many of these private homes are on this tour. In Contra Costa County there will be an open house and self-guided tour. For self-guided tour and open house, call for reservations, time and address. \$15. Northern California Solar Energy Association, (510) 869-2759 or (800) 599-SOLAR or www.lightenergyssystems.com

Tilden Regional Park — "Sisters," Oct. 14, 2 p.m. Learn about spiders. All Trails, All Day, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hike every trail in the park. "Tilden Mini-Rangers," Oct. 17 and Nov. 21, 3:30 p.m. An active afternoon of nature study, conservation and rambling through the hill, woods and waters. For age 8 to 12. Early A.M. Birdwalk, Oct. 22, 8 a.m. See the birds of winter settle in. For age 10 and older. Photography and Life, Oct. 22, 10:30 a.m. Learn the fundamentals of photography. Bring camera and film. For age 12 and older.

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Taut 'Contender' is a winner

Political thriller puts a new spin on women in politics, and comes out ahead with strong performances

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

The elegant, fast-paced new political thriller "The Contender" is Hollywood's valentine to Democrats, posted at just the right time.

It's mid-October. The American voting public is facing a neck-and-neck presidential race, but it's still having a hard time stifling its yawns. Just a few weeks before the election, along comes this movie where the Republicans are the bad guys and the Democrats, while imperfect, are (almost) always the good guys.

But even though this movie has a political bias bigger than Bar Bush's, its partisanship shouldn't detract from its intense watchability, even for non-Democrats. "The Contender" is so smoothly plotted and layered with surprises that you might well figure out one or two of its mysteries along the way, but you'll still be guessing until its final moments.

It's also jam-packed with excellent, Oscar-caliber performances, from Joan Allen as vice presidential

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "The Contender"
- **STARRING:** Joan Allen, Gary Oldman, Jeff Bridges, William Petersen, Christian Slater
- **RATING:** R (language, sexuality)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 12 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** A-

candidate Laine Hanson and Jeff Bridges as President Jackson Evans to Gary Oldman as a villainous congressman out to get them both. The supporting actors, including Sam Elliott, William Petersen, Mariel Hemingway and Philip Baker Hall (as Hanson's father, a Republican governor), are so good, they make the cast of "The West Wing" look ordinary.

Director Rod Lurie, a former movie critic and entertainment writer who has only recently broken into filmmaking, wrote the part specifically for Joan Allen ("Nixon," "The Ice Storm") and its dedication is "for our daughters." It's a rare day in Hol-

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JOAN ALLEN stars as Sen. Laine Hanson, who finds her life put on trial in "The Contender."

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Act II

Center St. Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:30, 7:40, 10:15
 • **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Albany Twin

5300 San Pablo Ave., Albany 843-FILM
 • **Goya in Bordeaux** (R) 6:45, 9:00
 • **Place Vendôme** (NR) 6:30, 8:45

California Theaters

On Kennedy at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20
 • **The Tao of Steve** (R) 2:10, 6:45
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 4:15, 9:00

Century 25 Union City Union Landing*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 3:10, 11:40
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:30, 7:40, 10:15
 • **Bring It On** (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 4:15, 7:10, midnight
 • **The Call** (R) 7:35, 10:00
 • **The Contender** (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:30, 3:05, 4:25, 6:00, 7:20, 9:05, 11:15, 11:50
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 12:15, 1:25, 2:25, 3:40, 4:40

• **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 7:30, 10:10, 10:35
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 11:55 a.m., 1:05, 3:15, 4:10, 6:25, 7:25, 9:15, 10:25, midnight
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 11:25 a.m., 12:25, 2:00, 2:55, 4:30, 5:35, 7:05, 8:00, 9:30, 10:20, 12:05 a.m.

• **Girlfight** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:35, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:15 a.m., 12:05, 12:50, 1:25, 2:55, 3:35, 4:35, 5:10, 5:45, 6:45, 7:15, 7:55, 9:00, 9:30, 10:05, 11:15, 12:15 a.m.

• **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:35, 3:10, 5:00, 8:10, 10:45
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• **The Original Kings of Comedy** (R) 7:30, 10:10
 • **Remember the Titans** (R) 11:55 a.m., 12:10, 1:15, 2:45, 3:35, 4:25, 5:20, 6:15, 7:55, 8:50, 9:30, 10:30, 12:10, 12:15 a.m.

• **Space Cowboys** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:50, 5:40
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40

• **The Watcher** (R) 3:20, 7:50
 • **What Lies Beneath** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 9:50
 • **Woman on Top** (R) 1:40, 9:40

Chabot Cinema

2653 College Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00, 12:15 a.m.

Elmwood

2555 College Avenue, Berkeley 549-6530
 • **Chicken Run** (G) 5:10
 • **Cleopatra** (R) 8:30
 • **High Fidelity** (R) 5:00, 9:15
 • **Saving Grace** (R) 7:15
 • **Smile and Say Good to Me** (R) 4:55, 6:45
 • **Space Cowboys** (PG-13) 7:00, 9:25

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley

2551 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 548-1143
 • **Chicken Run** (G) 5:10
 • **The Life and Times of Hank Krimmel** (NR) 9:00

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 12:45, 3:45, 7:15, 9:45
 • **Lost Souls** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) 11:45 a.m., 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45
 • **The Contender** (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:10
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 11:05 a.m., 1:20, 3:45, 6:05
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:30

• **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:35, 4:15, 7:05, 9:50
 • **Girlfight** (R) 11:15, 1:45, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:10, 9:55, 10:45

• **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 1:50, 7:20

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-8000
 • **Bring It On** (PG-13) 2:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30
 • **The Contender** (R) 4:00, 7:00, 9:45
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 1:45, 4:15, 7:10, 9:15
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 2:45, 5:15, 6:00, 10:30
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 3:00, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 12:30, 2:40, 7:40, 10:00
 • **The Original Kings of Comedy** (R) 2:30, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

NAZ

35400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000
 • **Ashtara** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
 • **Dhaal Akshar From Ke** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
 • **Fiza** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
 • **Hamara Dil Aapke Pees Hai** (NR) 5:00
 • **Jis Dilli Mein Gangs Raha Hai** (NR) 5:00, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00
 • **Shikari** (NR) 5:00, 9:00
 • **Tamili Movie** (NR) 9:30

Oaks Theater

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 526-1836
 • **The Contender** (R) 7:00, 9:40
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 7:15, 9:45

Piedmont Theatre

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 843-FILM
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 4:00, 6:45, 9:20
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas

On Shattuck at Kiltedge, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **An Affair of Love** (R) 1:25, 2:25, 5:25, 7:25, 9:25
 • **Ames and Jaguar** (R) 1:15, 3:55, 6:45, 9:35
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 1:20, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
 • **The Broken Hearts Club** (R) 12:50, 3:30, 5:10, 7:20, 9:30
 • **Cleopatra's Second Husband** (NR) 12:40, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10, 9:20

• **Girl on the Bridge** (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:10
 • **Girlfight** (R) 1:45, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:50
 • **Live Nude Girls Unleashed** (NR) 5:45, 7:30, 9:15
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:45
 • **Woman on Top** (R) 12:45, 2:50, 4:55, 7:05, 9:15

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487
 • **Bring It On** (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) noon, 2:25, 4:55, 7:15, 9:30
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 12:15, 3:30, 7:05, 10:15
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15
 • **Lost Souls** (R) 12:35, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
 • **The Original Kings of Comedy** (R) 3:35, 9:45
 • **The Watcher** (R) 12:30, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 10:25
 • **What Lies Beneath** (PG-13) 12:40, 7:00

UA Emeryville 10

6330 Chitwood Ave., Emeryville 420-0107
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45
 • **The Contender** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:40, 4:30, 7:20, 10:20
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 10:55 a.m., 1:00, 3:15, 5:30
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:50, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20, 12:30 a.m.

• **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:45
 • **Girlfight** (R) 7:40, 10:20
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8:00, 10:15, 12:30 a.m.

• **Lost Souls** (R) 10:50 a.m., 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50, 12:30 a.m.
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 10:55 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30 a.m.

• **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30

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UA Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 785-3000
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00
 • **Lost Souls** (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:40, 10:15
 • **Nutty Professor II: The Klumps** (PG-13) noon, 2:15, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30
 • **Scary Movie** (R) 12:20, 4:50, 9:45
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20
 • **The Watcher** (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
 • **Woman on Top** (R) 2:30, 7:20

UC Theatre

University Avenue between Miva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FILM
 • **Live Nude Girls Unleashed** (NR) 5:45, 7:30, 9:15

Central Costa Costa

Festival Walnut Creek

1450 N. California Blvd., Walnut Creek 934-8649
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:55
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 2:30, 4:50, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 2:10, 4:35, 6:55, 9:40
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Orinda Theater

4 Orinda Theater Square, Orinda 254-9060
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 5:15, 7:40, 9:45

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997
 • **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 7:30

Rheem All-Stadium

350 Park Street, Moraga 988-3411
 • **The Contender** (R) 4:25, 7:00, 9:30
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 5:10, 7:30, 9:40
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 5:00, 7:15, 9:30
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 5:15, 7:40, 9:45

West Costa Costa

Century 10 Pinole

50 Algonquin Way, Pinole 222-9030
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:40
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:35, 10:25
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:20, 10:15
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 12:15, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 11:25 a.m., 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:00, 10:10

• **Lost Souls** (R) 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:15
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05
 • **The Original Kings of Comedy** (R) 7:05, 9:45
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 3:25, 5:20, 7:00, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 8:05, 10:30

San Francisco

AMC 1000 Van Ness

1000 Van Ness, San Francisco (415)922-44MC
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 1:40, 4:35, 7:40, 10:40
 • **Bob Roberts** (R) 2:00, 10:50
 • **The Contender** (R) 1:00, 4:15, 4:00, 4:50, 7:10, 8:00, 10:20, 11:10
 • **Digimon: The Movie** (PG) 2:15, 4:55, 7:20
 • **Dr. T and the Women** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
 • **The Exorcist - The Version You've Never Seen** (R) 1:35, 4:40, 7:50, 10:15
 • **Further** (R) 10:30
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 1:30, 4:25, 7:30, 10:05
 • **Girlfight** (R) 2:10, 4:45, 7:25
 • **Lost Souls** (R) 1:25, 4:30, 7:35, 10:25
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:55, 5:05, 7:05, 7:55, 9:55, 10:45
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 2:10, 4:35, 7:05
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 1:15, 2:05, 4:15, 5:00, 7:00, 7:45, 9:45, 10:35

AMC Kabuki 8

1891 Post St., San Francisco (415)922-44MC
 • **The Contender** (R) 1:30, 1:55, 4:15, 5:00, 7:20, 7:50, 10:15, 10:45
 • **Get Carter** (2000) (R) 1:35, 4:50, 7:45, 10:20
 • **The Ladies Man** (R) 1:50, 4:55, 7:15, 9:45, 12:05 a.m.
 • **Lost Souls** (R) 1:45, 5:10, 7:40, 10:30
 • **Meet the Parents** (PG-13) 1:25, 4:20, 7:05, 9:40
 • **The Original Kings of Comedy** (R) 1:40, 4:40
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 2:00, 4:25, 7:35, 10:25
 • **Spike and Mike's 2000 Classic Festival of Animation** (NR) 7:00, 9:30, 12:15 a.m.

Bridge

3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • **Dancer in the Dark** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Castro Theatre

Castro and Market Streets, San Francisco (415)821-6120
 • **The Sorrow and the Pity** (NR) 2:00, 7:30

Clay

2251 Fillmore St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • **Place Vendôme** (NR) 1:45, 4:15, 7:30, 9:30

Embarcadero

1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • **Best in Show** (PG-13) noon, 12:30, 2:15, 4:45, 4:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30, 9:50
 • **Bill Elliot** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:20, 10:00
 • **The Broken Hearts Club** (R) 12:10, 4:20, 2:30, 3:00, 4:40, 5:10, 7:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:10

Lumiere

1572 California St., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • **Cleopatra's Second Husband** (NR) 12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45
 • **Gimme Shelter** (NR) 12:30, 5:20, 9:50
 • **Smiling Fish and Goat on Fire** (R) 2:35, 7:35
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 12:10, 2:35, 5:10, 7:25, 9:40

Opera Plaza Cinemas

1891 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco (415)352-0810
 • **An Affair of Love** (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40
 • **Girl on the Bridge** (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:20
 • **Goya in Bordeaux** (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:30
 • **The Tao of Steve** (R) 1:20, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50

Red Vic

1727 Haight St., San Francisco (415)668-3994
 • **Grass** (R) 7:30, 9:20

Roxie

3117 18th St., San Francisco (415)863-1087
 • **Live Nude Girls Unleashed** (NR) 6:00, 8:00, 9:45

Sony Metreon

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
 • **Almost Famous** (R) 12:40, 3:40, 6:40, 9:40
 • **The Contender** (R) 11:30 a.m., 1:10, 2:40, 4:20, 5:50, 7:30, 9:00, 10:40, midnight
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 • **Meet the Parents** 11:05 a.m., 11:40 a.m., 12:50, 1:20, 3:10, 4:10, 6:10, 7:30, 9:20, 10:10, 11:15, midnight
 • **Nurse Betty** (R) 3:20, 6:30, 9:30
 • **Remember the Titans** (PG) 12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 7:05, 7:20, 10:00, 11:00
 • **Urban Legends: Final Cut** (R) 11:10 a.m., 9:50

Sony Metreon IMAX

101 4th Street, San Francisco (415)369-6200
 • **Cyberworld** (PG) 12:20, 3:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:30
 • **Fantasia 2000** (G) 1:40
 • **The Matrix** (R) midnight
 • **Siegrfried & Roy: The Magic Box** (NR) 6:20
 • **Urban Legends** (NR) 11:00 a.m., 9:10

UA Galaxy

1265 Sutter St., San Francisco (415)474

Reviews

...has a sharp
...and a deadly
...then, that spending
...is such a joy. But it is
...great belongs to screen
...Rodriguez, whose por-
...woman from Brooklyn

...through boxing is so vivid
...rethink your ex-
...might well be
...M. Pols. (R
...attributes A-

THE AND TIMES OF HANK
...An inspirational and, yes,
...documentary on Greenberg
...first Jewish superstar. Director
...Kempner's film is inspirational,
...and while the story of Greenberg
...these are so way, insightful and
...going that the result is the
...undistorted movie pleasure of
...Strauss. (NR) 1 hour, 35

MEET THE PARENTS: Nothing goes
...poor Greg Focker (Ben Stiller)
...meets his girlfriend Pam's (Teri
...Robert De Niro, a re-
...psychological profile, treats him
...and take-friendly Mom
...sn't much better. The plot
...and at times heavy-handed,
...than you'd expect, with just
...note of menace mixed in. Stiller
...once again that he's a comic gen-
...sexual content, drug refer-
...and language.) 1 hour, 48 minutes

HOUSE BETTY: The most move about a
...and her war-
...since "The Wizard of Oz," is a delin-
...of the best movies of the year, a delin-
...and funny movie that manages
...and cheating at the same time
...the really be the work of controver-
...Neil LaBute, who brought us
...of "In the Company of
...and "Four Friends & Neighbors"? Ap-
...What's different is that he's
...from someone else's script, so
...is actually new to like these charac-
...Zellweger plays Betty, a wait-
...the Top diner in Bay Oaks,
...who has a dead husband, a pair
...in her on her trail (Morgan Freeman
...as a cop), a serious infatuation with
...opera star (Greg Kinnear) and a
...of mental trauma that makes her be-
...he's real and they belong together.

THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY:
...A Las Vegas concert film documents a
...N.C. stop on the national Kings
...— four black stand-up
...have become one of the top
...in the country. Steve Harvey
...and the others (D.L. Hughley,
...the Entertainer and Bernie Mac,
...hard-edged comments on life edge
...the obvious influences of Richard
...E. R. Ebert. (R;
...and sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 52

BEACH PARTY: This raucous
...of "Gidget," "Beach Party" movies
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...and other sources. But don't
...Beach Party is merely derivative, nor
...called "normal." — M. Pols. (R)
...1 hour, 35 minutes

THE TITANS: Someone
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Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contro Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Almost Famous" (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
"Bait" (R)	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
"Beautiful" (PG-13)	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼
"Dancer in the Dark" (R)	▼	★					
"Get Carter" (R)					▼		
"Girlfight" (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	▼
"Meet the Parents" (PG-13)	★					★	
"Remember the Titans" (PG)	★	▼	★	▼	★	★	★
"Urban Legends" (R)		★	★	★	★	★	★
"Woman on Top" (R)	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼

★ Brilliant

■ Good

▼ Weak

● Bomb

forced to be on a team together, this highly calculated Jerry Bruckheimer production gives us football as a panacea for bigotry, all wrapped up in a squishy crowd-pleasing package. Make it a rental. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic elements and some language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. **C+**

"SAVING GRACE": A light, hilarious English comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters. Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors. She plays Grace Trevelyan, whose philanthropic husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to pay it off, the genteel Grace utilizes her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her partner in crime is her gardener, Martin, played with considerable hand-grip charm by Craig Ferguson, who also co-wrote the film. In the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine," "Saving Grace" takes part of its strength and charm from its setting, a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name. Easy to see why this charmer scooped up the Audience Appreciation award at Sundance 2000. — M. Pols. (R: drug content and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A-**

"SMILING FISH AND GOAT ON FIRE": For all its locker-room comedy, this smallish film is an ode to sweetness, decency, kinship and the idealization of romance. The movie centers on two orphaned twentysomething brothers who are housemates in Los Angeles. They share advice and commiseration over their messy love lives. They both come to the realization that they must face the roadblocks and make decisions about where they're headed, and with whom. "Smiling Fish" is pure charm, with nothing more than the melodrama of ordinary lives hitting ordinary obstacles to propel it. — D. Germain. (R: language, sexual content and brief drug use.) 1 hour, 32 minutes. **B-**

"SPACE COYBOYS": OK, so it's not actually "The Golden Girls in Outer Space" but it sure seems like it. Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this amiable but sillily comedy-drama about four retired Air Force pilots (Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, James Garner and Donald Sutherland) called into action to help NASA with a problematic — and antiquated — Russian satellite. After a month of training, they're off in the space shuttle to save the day. With four such fine actors, this ought to have been better, but it doesn't quite make it. For one thing, the incessant jokes about heart attacks, poor eyesight and dentures wear thin. Then there's the credibility of the story. Does NASA really send astronauts into space without telling them the truth about their dangerous assignments? — M. Pols. (PG-13: brief nudity.) 2 hours. **C**

but funny, like a Woody Allen film. David's pals (like the ultra-annoying duo of Richard Lewis and Kathy Griffin, who guest Sunday) will appear each week. Among them: "Seinfeld's" Julia-Louis Dreyfus. Speaking of "Seinfeld," I finally got an advance copy of NBC's re-tooled "Michael Richards Show," which debuts Oct. 24. Suffice it to say that "Kramer" does not work well without Jerry, Elaine, and George. Richards' new solo show is awful.

Who Is this guy?: You may have wondered who the new Ted Baxter look-alike on KGO-TV's newest early-morning news lineup. This would be one Cameron Harper, and I'm told the Phoenix import is a big star in Arizona. Harper has been teamed with perky former tabloid-show reporter Kristen Sze on the 5 a.m. newscast. What is this, the 23rd morning anchor team at "ABC-7"? The last seven years? Note to the big-voiced Harper, who's so new here his bio isn't even posted on KGO's web site yet: Stop making weather references like you've lived in the Bay Area for years. If it hits 112 degrees with 5 percent humidity here, then you can make knowing weather comments.

She's Baack: That would be ousted KGO-TV anchor Terilyn Joe, back in the Bay Area "by popular demand" after cooling her heels in Toronto the past year. Joe started at future NBC affiliate KNTV-TV in San Jose this week in one of the more obvious management publicity stunts in years: Few viewers north of San Jose even knew KNTV existed — and fewer probably want to see Joe's hair helmet again. (Channel 11, by the way, is so anxious to go "big-time" it has a countdown clock to NBC affiliation in 2002 posted on its website). T.J.

"URBAN LEGENDS: Final Cut": Formulaic, unfocused sequel to a horror flick that wasn't good enough to merit a sequel. Of course, "Final Cut" really has nothing to do with urban legends and is more of a "Scream" rip-off than anything else. The talented young cast from the original is missing, and in its stead we get Joseph (don't call me Joe) Lawrence. As for the plot, "Urban Legends" follows a tired formula as it follows an aspiring young filmmaker (Jennifer Morrison) who's making a movie about a college campus serial killer who re-enacts urban legends. A movie that's so derivative, you'll be praying that this is indeed the final cut. — C. Lemire. (R: violence, language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. **D**

"URBAN LEGENDS: Final Cut": Popular urban legends snake through this audacious new independent film by first-time director Jon Shear. Working from a play, Shear has managed to combine dark comedy, seriously creepy cypscapes and a compelling gay love story. Charlie (Dan Futterman) is haunted by subliminal flashes of a tattooed stranger and sudden bursts of street violence. The film progresses as we — the audience — emerge from the haze of Charlie's scrambled, grief-ridden recollections. The result is an ending that is as heartrending as it is mind-messing. — G. Lovell. (NR: could be rated R for violence, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. **A**

"THE WATCHER": James Spader needs to be in an Adopt-A-Actor program, at least to save him from this latest inexplicable spiral. He plays Joel Campbell, a barbiturate-popping, migraine medicine-injecting FBI agent burned out from reading the minds of whacked-out serial killers. Campbell moves to Chicago to escape his past, but his last California killer (Keanu Reeves) misses him so much that he follows him to the Midwest and sends him photos of his next female victim. Mame Tomsa plays the FBI agent's psychiatrist, but probably wishes she were one of the victims to be spared the indignity of this film. — V. Chan. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. **D**

"WOMAN ON TOP": Cheerful piffle with little going for it but the amazing loveliness of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. She plays a Brazilian chef who catches her husband cheating on her and runs away to San Francisco to start fresh. A television producer with a crush offers her a local cooking show, and soon she's a star. She still pines for hubby, though, so she cooks up a little black magic to rid herself of love for him. Unfortunately, he turns up, crooning love songs and refusing to let her go. His charm is force-fed, like the movie. Feminists will probably hate the movie's ending, but the biggest thumb is there aren't even any good recappers. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **C+**

was ultra-chirpy and almost solicitous to her KNTV anchor-desk mates this week. But stayed tuned: I have spies posted in the Channel 11 newsroom, and I'll let you know in the weeks to come if Joe treats her co-workers there like she did at KGO. One Asian colleague at KGO called Joe "The Dragon Lady," and the name stuck.

White, Wyatt, Whatever: One of the funnier campaign stories this week came out of New York, where GOP Governor George Pataki responded to candidate Hillary Clinton's reference to esteemed longtime New Yorker writer E.B. White ("Charlotte's Web," "Stuart Little") by saying, "Who's this guy Wyatt?" Pataki (sorry, Marty Snapp) is, like George W., a Yale grad.

Candidate Casting Call: Finally, one of the funnier talk-show calls in recent weeks came in to KGO's Ronn Owens after the first two televised debates. The caller noted that Al Gore would be a shoo-in to star in the next "Batman" sequel. He then made Owens and me laugh by adding that if you stuck a top hat and a monocle on Dick Cheney, you'd have the perfect guy to play The Penguin.

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@sonic.net.)



Arhoolie

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laborated with Strachwitz on films about Tex-Mex border culture, Louisiana music and the blues

The counter that Will built

There's a lot of untold history in the building: Guitarist and Windham Hill Records creator Will Ackerman built the wooden counter you can find in Down Home Music. Blues great Charlie Musselwhite worked as a packer in Arhoolie for years. Underground artist R. Crumb traded Strachwitz drawings and album cover art in exchange for rare 78s

The detailed official history of his company is contained in the lavishly boxed Arhoolie Records 40th anniversary collection. All 107 songs from 96 artists on the set were personally recorded by Strachwitz — from his early years, going to Texas to record blues musicians such as Mance Lipscomb and Lightnin' Hopkins, through his current affinity for "sacred steel," African-American Holiness Church gospel that uses steel guitars in

place of the organ or piano.

One of his longtime concerns recently become a reality: the Arhoolie Foundation, the main purpose of which is to preserve irreplaceable recordings, mostly Mexican and border music in the world's largest single collection (much of the music has been recorded on 78s). After years, the foundation has collected enough money to organize and catalog

"Next we want to get it all copied so that the public and researchers have access to it," Strachwitz says. Unlike, say, jazz, whose fans preserved the recordings, "The Mexican and border music is a different story," Strachwitz explained. "While the people in their communities are proud of it, nobody has tried to preserve it."

"You can see changes in people's attitudes toward their music and culture," he adds. "When I started recording Cajun music (the accordion and fiddle dance music of the Western Louisiana French-speaking populace), they were treated like Gypsies and even shunned the label 'Cajun' because it was derogatory. Now they are proud of their culture, the music, the cooking. Being Cajun is desirable."

"But right now in Mexico the musicologists look down at Norteno and border corridos (Tex-Mex border music whose corridos, ballads, tell the story of people's daily lives and news events). It's low-class to them, music by poor people. Yet it's become popular here, much as Okie music was during the Depression, made by dirt-poor people, but it became popular."

What connects all the disparate styles Strachwitz issues is "a rural sound, even when rural music went to the city, like Chicago blues. When I hear Norteno or sacred steel, I hear pure, rural country music. The greatest thing about making records is when you find the real thing, you can hear it again and again."

"I'm glad when I was a kid I quit collecting stamps and switched to records," he adds. "Record collecting is like any other addiction. At least it makes you feel good and it doesn't hurt you. In fact, it's probably kept me in shape, moving all these boxes of 78s. These are my babies. I hope they live a thousand years. They never get old; you can always put a needle on them and they sing like birds!"

Contender

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lywood when someone writes a leading lady role for a 44-year-old actress, let alone a fully nuanced and inspirational role. Add the fact that Allen gets to be both politically powerful and absolutely sexy as Hanson, and we're looking at nothing short of a miracle (and a best actress nomination for her, if there's any justice).

The vice president has expired about three weeks before the movie begins, and the president needs to appoint a replacement. Evans is nearing the end of his term, and he wants to leave behind a political legacy to ensure his place in the history books he loves. What better way to do it than to appoint the first woman as vice president?

The movie is set sometime after the Clinton presidency, but Evans does share some of Clinton's qualities. He's a bit of a rascal, charismatic and temperamental. He also has enormous appetites, although his appear to be limited to the culinary; there's a running gag about him trying to stomp the White House chef by demanding exotic meals at a moment's notice. The joke gets one too many airings, but there's still great pleasure in seeing Bridges savoring the role like a piece of prime rib.

The choice of Hanson is not a popular one, since most Democrats were pulling for Virginia Governor Jack Hathaway (Petersen). The Republicans believe that Hanson is unqualified, that Evans has just cynically picked her for her gender, for

her attractiveness, and because she used to be a Republican. Congressman Shelly Runyon (Oldman), a Republican from Illinois who heads the confirmation committee, hisses that Laine Hanson is "a cancer of liberalism, the cancer of affirmative action."

Runyon sets out to destroy Hanson, with the help of a creepy private citizen willing to bankroll an invasive investigation going places "even the FBI won't touch." He's also aided by another committee member, freshman congressman from Delaware Reginald Webster (Christian Slater), one of the Democrats who wants Hathaway to get the job.

What they dig up on Hanson, and air on national television during her confirmation hearings, is genuinely shocking. There are photographs of her, in college, at 19, having what appears to be very willing sex with two men at once, with a crowd of jeering frat boys looking on. At first it may seem like a prudent choice — a plenty of opportunity to flash us a sexy photo — but ultimately it's a very wise pick on Lurie's part, giving strength to the moral dilemma the movie presents.

Hanson won't address the charges, not even to deny them. "It is simply beneath my dignity," she insists, with the kind of cool calm we've come to expect from Hillary Clinton. So it's a puzzle for the audience. Even the most liberal viewer is probably going to pause and think, whoa, that's pretty racy. Kinda makes a dalliance with Monica Lewinsky in the Oval Office look mild.

And if Monica comes to mind, so

will Kenneth Starr, inevitably. Runyon is a puritan, who condemns Hanson's past with more than a trace of lasciviousness. When he calls her "deviant," his thick black glasses practically steam up from his excitement. It's a stunning performance, so carefully measured that it never goes over the top, even though he's utterly detestable. Oldman plays odious so well, you'll swear there's a sour smell in the theater when he's on-screen.

There are a few false notes in "The Contender." Hanson is given ammunition to use against Runyon that seems too good to be true, and Webster, Slater's character, has a change of heart that makes one question his original motivations. But each false note is countered by some wonderful subtlety (look for the sexual energy Bridges directs toward Allen). "The Contender" is as engaging a movie as we've seen in a long time, and one of the year's best so far.

The most interesting question is what impact, if any, "The Contender" will have on the upcoming election. A few weeks ago, the New York Times Magazine ran a cover story about the effect late-night television shows have on the political landscape, since so many Americans rely on them for news. On Leno, Letterman, Jon Stewart, et al. Gore is repeatedly portrayed as stiff, while George W. Bush gets the dunce cap, and the article implied that a liberal bias is clearly at work in these comic renditions. Since "The Contender" feels like a pep talk for both democracy and the Democrats, what, then, are its chances to make a difference on Nov. 7?

Events

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BOTANICAL GARDEN — Guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead for times and to confirm tour is on for the day; most Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m. Free. (510) 841-8732. Free unless noted otherwise. Take Canon Drive off Grizzly Peak Boulevard, Berkeley. (510) 525-2233.

UC Berkeley Botanical Garden — ongoing. The gardens have displays of exotic and native plants.

EXHIBIT — "The Foods of the Americas," closing Oct. 17. A replica of a Latin American marketplace. Monday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOURS — Botanical Garden Tours, Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 children; free on Thursday. Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below the Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley. (510) 642-2755 or www.mip.berkeley.edu/garden/

Holt Planetarium — Programs are recommended for age 8 and up; children under age 6 will not be admitted. "Moons of the Solar System," through Dec. 10. Take a tour of the fascinating worlds that orbit Earth and other planets out to the edge of the Solar System. Through Oct. 29, 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.; Nov. 4 through Dec. 10, 2:15 p.m. "Constellations Tonight," ongoing. Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. Daily, 3:30 p.m. \$2 plus museum admission of \$6 general; \$4 students, seniors, disabled and youths aged 7 to 18; children under the age of 6 are not admitted. Daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Centennial Drive, Berkeley. (510) 642-5132 or www.hls.berkeley.edu

Oakland Historic Downtown Walking Tour — All tours begin at 10 a.m. SUMMER DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS — through October. The tours cover downtown Oakland and its historic waterfront. All tours begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last between an hour and an hour and a half. Up town to the Lake, Oct. 14. Tour the beautiful Art Deco buildings of Oakland's Broadway business district, includes the Paramount Theatre, the Fox Theater, the Kaiser Center roof garden and a wonder-

ful view of Lake Merritt. Learn the history of the 1930s merchants and marvel at the ornate tile and terra-cotta architecture. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of the Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway

Old Oakland Historic District, Oct. 18. A walk through Oakland's Victorian business district of the 1870s. Visit the Washington Inn, Ratto's International Grocer and the Friends of the Library Book Store. Reservations encouraged. Meet in front of Ratto's at Washington and 9th Streets

Oakland Chinatown, Oct. 21. This bustling Asian Center is the fifth-largest Chinatown in the United States. Visit the sidewalk markets filled with fresh fish, barbecued duck, exotic fruits and vegetables. Walk through the herb shops and see fresh noodles being made. Reservations encouraged. Meet at the Pacific Renaissance Plaza Fountain at 9th and Webster

Streets. Free. Call for reservations. Oakland (510) 238-3234

Crab Cove Visitor Center — "Family Nature Cinema," Oct. 14 through Nov. 19. A nature film series. Registration required. Oct. 14 and Oct. 15, 2 p.m. Oct. 22, Nov. 5, Nov. 18 and Nov. 19, 3 p.m. "Sea Squirts: Eeency Weency Spiders and More," Oct. 17, 10 a.m. A program to discover nature. Registration required. For age 3 to 5 \$5 to \$7. Lions, Tigers, and Bears, Oh My! Oct. 21, 11 a.m. Learn about our four footed friends. Registration required. For age 5 to 10 \$5 to \$7. "Rocky Shore and Mudflat Exploration,"

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Aurora Theatre —
"The Philanderer" by George Bernard Shaw, closing Oct. 15. This play explores gender roles, the art of being "manly" or "womanly," and the consequences of pretending there is little difference between them.
\$30 to \$35. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 843-4822 or www.aurora-theatre.org

Berkeley Repertory Theatre —
"The Green Bird" by Carlo Gozzi, through Oct. 27. This fairy tale combines the theatrical style of commedia dell'arte with the formal conventions of Kabuki.
\$40.50 to \$51. Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 14 and Oct. 19, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 845-4700 or www.berkeleyrep.org

Contra Costa Civic Theatre —
"Arsenic and Old Lace" by Joseph Kesselring, Oct. 13 through Nov. 18. A classic American comedy featuring an unusual cast of characters from Teddy Roosevelt to Boris Karloff to two sweet old ladies.
\$10 general; \$6 children age 16 and under. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Oct. 22 and Nov. 5, 2 p.m. 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. (510) 524-9132.

Laval's Subterranean —
"Mimzabim!" by John O'Keefe, closing Oct. 14. A timeless and transforming play in these days of the Genome.
\$12 general; \$8 students. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m. 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. (510) 234-6046.

Julia Morgan Theater —
"Fanny at Chez Panisse" by Alice Waters, through Oct. 29. A musical describing the trials of an adolescent girl who grows up in the warm and inviting kitchen of her mother's famous restaurant.
\$26 to \$34 general; \$24 to \$26 children under age 12. Wednesday and Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (888) FANNY06 or www.fannyatchezpanisse.org

Speakeasy Theatre —
"Brain In A Box" by Andrea Mock, through Nov. 11. A young computer geek has a recurring nightmare in which he can't tell if he is a human who thinks too much like a computer or a computer programmed to think it's a person.
\$10 to \$12. Thursday through Saturday, 8

p.m., Sunday, 7 p.m. 2016 Seventh St. Berkeley. (510) 601-TWEB or www.tick-etweb.com

Shotgun Players —
"The Water Engine" by David Mamet, through Oct. 28. This is part radio play part staged drama about the struggle of tomorrow's best intentions against old school greed and corruption.
\$15 to \$20 general; \$10 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 8:30 p.m. Eighth Street Studio 2525 Eighth St., Berkeley. (510) 655-0813

UC Berkeley —
"The Caucasian Chalk Circle" by Bertolt Brecht, closing Oct. 15. A tale that advocates the idea that resources should go to those best able to make use of them.
\$12 general; \$6 seniors and students. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. Zellerbach Playhouse, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 801-8932 or (510) 642-8268

Ashkenaz —
Johnny Nocturne Band with Kim Nalley. Oct. 13, 9:30 p.m. \$11
Savoy Doucet with California Cajon Orchestra. Oct. 14, 9:30 p.m. \$16
Cannabis Healers. Oct. 15, 8 p.m. \$15
Anoush. Oct. 17, 9 p.m. \$8
Motordude Zydeco. Oct. 18, 9 p.m. \$12
Nick Granvilles and Band. Oct. 19, 8 p.m. \$10 to \$20
Grateful Dead DJ Nite with Digital Dave. Oct. 19, 10 p.m. \$5
Bay Area Arts Collective. Oct. 20, 9:30 p.m. Featuring Sonic Tonic, Omayma Nameless and Faceless. \$9
Santiago Jimenez Jr. with Los Cenizotes. Oct. 21, 9:30 p.m. \$15
International House Reunion DJ Folk Dance. Oct. 22, 1 p.m. \$3 to \$5
Koleiv. Oct. 22, 8 p.m. \$10
For all ages. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-0098 or www.ashkenaz.com

Blakes —
Felonious, Marginal Profits. Oct. 13. \$5
Pseudopod, Psychopols. Oct. 14. \$5
Tilden Repetition. Oct. 15
The Blue Monday Jam featuring The Steve Gannon Band. Oct. 16. \$3
Brian Cline Band, Chakra. Oct. 17. \$3
"Third World" with UC Bau, DJ Add. Jah Bonz. Oct. 18. \$3
Illa-Dapted, Bored Stiff, Sacred Hoop. Oct. 19. \$5
Slaptonics, Blue Marmalade. Oct. 20. \$5
Psychokinetics, 75 Degrees. Oct. 21. \$5
Yellow 5, Heavy Petting Zoo. Oct. 22. \$5
For age 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-0886

Cato's Ale House —
Piedmont Bluegrass and Jam, Oct. 14
Ponticello, Oct. 15
Charles Wheel, Oct. 18

Backstep. Oct. 21
Dave Barrows and Rafael Marquez Trio. Oct. 22
Shows start at 6 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. (510) 655-3349

Ellie's Mile High Club —
Ron Hacker. Oct. 13
Kenny Blue Ray. Oct. 14
Jimmy Marmou. Oct. 20
Clarence Guntar-Sims a.k.a. Fillmore Sim. Oct. 21
1629 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 655-6661

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Oct. 19 Vocal Sauce
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La Pena Cultural Center —
La Gran Noche del Charango with Inti Illimani's Horacio Duran. Oct. 13 and Oct. 14, 8 p.m. \$14
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Mr. E's Spotlight on the Square —
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Musicians Coffeehouse —
The Edlos. Oct. 20, 8 p.m. \$16
Mt. Diablo Unitarian Church, 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. (925) 229-2710

924 Gilman St. —
Drunk Horse. The Pattern. Fun People. The Derelicts. Oct. 13
The Jocks. The Fleshes. Radioactive Kids. Unit Breed. Quest for Quintana. Oct. 20. \$3
Threat Oyster. Dead Food. Oct. 21
\$5. Music at 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 924 Gilman St. Berkeley. (510) 525-9926

The Starry Plough Pub —
Moore Brothers. Dave Gleason and the New Originals. Niagara. Oct. 13. \$5
Ponticello, Mad Hannans. Warm Wires. Oct. 14. \$5
Celtic Dance featuring Brian Theriault and Friends. Oct. 18
Beth Custer. Dona Luz 30 Besos. The Nameless and Faceless. Oct. 19. \$6
Chazz Cats. Trailer Park Rangers. Oct. 20. \$5
Deke Dickerson and The Econofonics. The McAlisters. Oct. 21. \$8
For age 21 and over. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 9:45 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-2082

Yoshi's —
Cedar Walton Trio, through Oct. 15. \$22 to \$26 general. Sunday matinee \$5; children \$10 adult with one child. Harvey Wampel Quartet. Oct. 16. \$8
Charles Lloyd Quartet. Oct. 17 through Oct. 22. \$20 to \$24 general, Sunday matinee \$5; children \$10 adult with one child.
Unless otherwise noted. music at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 510 Embarcadero West, Oakland. (510) 238-9200 or (510) 762-BASS

Cal Performances —
Soprano Deborah Voigt with pianist Brian Zeger. Oct. 15, 3 p.m. A program of works by von Zemlinsky, Griegs, Strauss, Schoenberg, Gounod, Saint Saens, Wagner. \$28 to \$48
Hamza El Din. Oct. 21, 8 p.m. The Fa ther of Nubian music performs original compositions. \$16 to \$28
Zellerbach Hall, University of California Bancroft Way at College Avenue Berkeley. (510) 642-9988

California Bach Society —
Choir of the California Bach Society, Warren Stewart conducting. Oct. 2
A program of William Byrd's "Mass for Four Voices" and "Cantata No. 1" All Saints

\$95 general \$18 seniors \$12 students
St. Mark's Episcopal Church. 2300 Bancroft Way Berkeley. (650) 299-8616 or www.calbach.org

Musicsources —
BWV 2000. Red covered Bach. Oct. 22. 5 p.m. A program of vocal chamber music by J.S. Bach.
\$18 general, \$15 seniors and students.
1000 The Alameda Berkeley. (510) 528-1965

Prometheus Symphony Orchestra —
Eric Hansen conducting. Oct. 15, 3 p.m. A program of works by Sibelius, Tchaikovsky, Elgar.
Free. St. Ambrose Church. 1145 Gilman St. Berkeley. (510) 527-1519

San Francisco Bach Choir — Oct. 22. 5 p.m. A performance of "Michael Praetorius From Choir Loft and Organ."
\$25 to \$30 general, \$18 students. St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Bay Place and Montecito Avenue. Oakland. (415) 441-4942 or sfbach.org

Trinity Concert Series —
The Mask of Comedy The Mask of Tragedy. Oct. 14, 8 p.m. A performance by soprano Melissa Fogarty with pianist Jennifer Griesbach.
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2320 Dana St. Berkeley

Unitarian Universalist Church Of Berkeley —
Jazz. Oct. 15, 7 p.m. A program of works by Christopher YOUNG, John Karl Boswell.
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UC Berkeley —
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La Pena Cultural Center — Saturday Morning Children's Programs begin at 10:30 a.m.
The Duo Palomitos. Oct. 14. Lydia and Hector Zapana take children on a musical journey to Latin America.
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Calendar

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Children

A monthly film club specifically for middle school age children at the Albany YMCA, 1216 Solano Ave., takes place on Saturday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m.-10 p.m. The children will watch a movie together and afterwards discuss the film from different points of view. Anita Monga, Director of programming at the Castro Theatre in San Francisco will facilitate the program. Snacks provided. \$5 child. For more information, call 525-1130.

A panel discussion with parents from six local private schools discuss the admission process on Monday, Oct. 16, 7-9:30 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. Admission is free to members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, call 527-6667 or visit the Web site at www.parentsnet.org.

The Neighborhood Parents Network presents "Berkeley Public Elementary Schools: Parent Information Night" on Monday, Oct. 23, 7-9 p.m. at the Epworth United Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St. The event provides an opportunity for parents to learn about the Berkeley public elementary schools. Admission is free to members and \$5 for non-members. For more information about Neighborhood Parents Network, call 527-6667 or visit the Web site at www.parentsnet.org.

The Buddy Club presents "Halloween Magic" show with Magician Dick Quierolo and popular East Bay singer Randy, on Sunday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center Theatre 1249 Marin Ave. in Albany. Tickets: \$7 per person, under two years free. For tickets and information, call 236-SHOW.

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Cerrito, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona

Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1316 Glenfield Ave. and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8550 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lsinfo@ucdink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education;

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Community

Narsal David hosts a semi-annual gala auction on Monday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the North Berkeley Community Center, 1901 Hearst Ave. The auction benefits the Central Works Theater Ensemble. The event features live music by the Ken French Trio, pianist Ken French with David Ewell on bass and Dryan Bowman on drums. There will be a special appearance by jazz and soul vocalist Clardee. Tickets are \$45 and include admission, food, drink, dancing and entertainment. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 558-1381.

Public dedication of the Rosie the Riveter Memorial at Marina Bay, Richmond, on Saturday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nearly 200 women who worked on the Homefront in WWII will be present. Historic exhibits, big band orchestra and tours on the historic ship Red Oak. Call 620-6869 for more information.

St. Mary's College High School, Ventura and Posen streets in Albany, presents a multicultural festival on Sunday, Oct. 15, noon to 4 p.m. Booths rich in a variety of Ethnic and Cultural Heritage display textiles, literature, history, art, and much more from countries throughout the world. Ethnic food will be served potluck between 1-3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Amal Barsoum, co-chair at 223-6134.

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Albany YMCA is hiring staff for Afterschool programs in Berkeley and Albany for Afterschool programs in Berkeley and Albany. Site coordinator, recreation coordinator. Complete an application or send fax resume to Albany YMCA 921 Kains Ave., Albany, CA 94706. Fax 525-1769.

The Women's Cancer Resource Center, 1581 University Ave., will provide information at Wild Oats Market as part of its

Women's Health Day. Help support the center and also enjoy free chair massages, spinal screenings, nutritional consulting and product samples. The center provides information, support and direct services to women with cancer in the Bay Area and nationally. Call Tammy Dyson, volunteer coordinator at 548-9286 ext. 304 for additional information.

Berkeley Higashi Honganji Church, 1524 Oregon St. (near Ashby Avenue), presents a Ohtani Bazaar. There will be games, prizes and activities for the children. Also Japanese food (Teriyaki chicken, sushi, udon noodles and more). Free admission. Bring the family. Call 843-6933 for additional information.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Ban-

croft Way, sponsors Resume Clinic on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

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Calendar

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and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, bellydance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, ta chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the WYCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug: 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-

249-8802 for more information.
The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis lines. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Volunteers are needed at the Alameda County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmthompson@hotmail.com.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experienced fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including: Tiny tot tumbling, aerobics, acrobatics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community center at 1249 Mann avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-11924 for more information and an application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines well are required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-In Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., needs compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer through its information and referral hotline, library, or in-home practical support. Time requirements are two to four hours per week for 6-12 months. Call 548-9286 ext. 309 for an application, interview and more information.

Parental Stress Service, Inc. seeks volunteers to serve as Telephone Hotline Counselors. The agency offers supportive counseling to families who need to be heard. To learn more about volunteer opportunities call 893-9230.

Volunteer at the Crucible, 1035 Murray St. Sharpen skills, and meet new people in the community. All talents are appreciated. The Crucible is an educational collaboration of arts, industry and community. Call 843-5511 or e-mail crucible@jps.net for more information on how to get involved.

There is an immediate need for Home Delivered Meal volunteers at the "Open House" Senior Center to deliver noon day meals to the homebound in Kensington, El Cerrito, and Richmond Annex. For more information, call Nichols at 215-4342.

Breast Cancer Action, an advocacy and activist organization aimed to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic, is seeking volunteers. A wide variety of volunteer opportunities, including events, activist and task force help, and office work during the week, are available. Call 415-243-9301, for additional information.

Berkeley's Women's Daytime Drop-In Center needs off-site volunteers to help with mailings, fund-raising events, and holiday programs. Training is provided for all volunteers who can devote three-and-a-half hours a week to working at the Center. Other on-site opportunities include answering phones and performing administrative functions. Those wishing to volunteer should call 466-5663 or 548-6933.

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Porsche Boxster S: for those who love fast cars

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

In the Porsche Boxster S, fun begins in the fast lane. It starts with first gear, shifts into second, and then exhilaration accelerates as the engine rpm increases.

This car, equipped with a six-speed manual transmission, is exceptionally fast. Zero to 60 mph occurs in under 6 seconds and a driver can experience a top speed of 161 mph. At least that is what the manufacturer told me. I really wanted to find out firsthand, but my use of the Boxster S was only as fast as the flow of traffic.

Increased enjoyment in this roadster takes only a moment before getting underway. Above the rearview mirror is a clamp that releases the top. Then, by pressing a button, the top opens, folds down into a compartment and is concealed by a cover. (Putting the top up is equally as simple.) And driving under an open sky heightens the pleasure.

Porsche has widened the bore in their 3.2-liter, six-cylinder engine, boosting the engine's performance to 250-horsepower and 229 lb ft of torque. This torque peaks at 2,000 rpm resulting in immediate maximum accelerator response. The power is so "hot" that Porsche added a third radiator to handle cooling the larger engine.

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PORCHE'S BOXSTER S goes from zero to 60 mph in under 6 seconds with a top speed of 161 mph, accomplished with a 3.2-liter six-cylinder, 250-horsepower engine.

Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Performance driving class includes safety tips

After a full century of women-driver jokes, the possibility that women could be sensitive about their driving skills is not surprising. Never mind that women drivers have a better safety record than men; the ongoing jokes about bad driving usually have a woman at the wheel.

Female sensitivity is not the only reason that BMW decided to initiate a "Women-Only Car Control Clinic" at their Performance Center Driving School in Spartanburg, S.C., but it played a part. "Many women have told us that they appreciate the camaraderie and fun of sharing

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RV tire care can make for trouble-free miles

The recent attention being paid to the Firestone tire recall and subsequent problems related to other tire failures has a lot of drivers concerned for their safety.

That concern is understandable, because the tire failures appear to happen to many different tire brands and sizes.

Fortunately, there's no need to panic. A huge majority of tires sold on new vehicles, and as aftermarket replacement tires, will deliver long, reliable service when used properly and cared for with occasional maintenance.

RV drivers who operate heavy motorhomes or drive tow vehicles pulling trailers have a special interest in keeping their tires in good condition.

A catastrophic tire failure on a family car at freeway speed can be scary and dangerous. Multiply that effect by the large, extra-heavy body of a motorhome or the presence of a heavy trailer tagging behind, and it's easy to see how important it is to make tire maintenance a regular part of your towing regimen.

The Ford Explorer is a terrific vehicle that makes a fine tow rig for small to medium-size trailers.

The coincidence of the Firestone failures doesn't condemn the Ex-

plorer as a tow rig for RV owners. It's important to change out those recalled tires, of course, but I wouldn't sell my Explorer based on tire failures.

The Explorer has been a leading seller among SUVs for many years, so it's simple math that more vehicles on the road means a higher percentage of accidents compared to vehicles with fewer units on the road.

Tires are some of the highest-stress components on a motor vehicle, and any tire company can have a bad "batch" of tires.

A bad mixture of rubber compounds that make up the tread and casing material, improper curing temperatures or times in the mold, or any number of manufacturing problems can lead to tire failures.

These defective tires are rare, but any tire shop mechanic can tell you that blown and separated tires of all brands happen on a regular basis.

Air pressure, loading and speed are the user-influenced, and vitally interconnected, factors that can lead to early tire failure in good tires, to say nothing of how the factors affect potentially defective ones.

A driver can't influence the manufacturing process, but there are

other details that a savvy RV operator can control.

First and most important: Check your tire pressure often! Make it a habit to check the air pressure every second or third time you fill your tank.



TIRES are some of the highest-stress components on a vehicle.

Excessively low air pressure is at fault for a lot, if not a majority, of tire failures. A tire flexes with each revolution.

An underinflated tire flexes even more because it has a bigger tire "bulge" at the bottom. That flexing causes heat buildup, and too much

flexing causes too much heat.

A badly underinflated tire also causes higher fuel consumption.

Check your vehicle's weight relative to your tire load ratings. If the tires are overloaded, they are subject to early failure due to excess

Drive

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a learning experience with a group of other women," says Tony Troy, manager of the Center.

No, it is not a dumbed-down curriculum, and women are still welcome in the regular one-day Car Control Clinics, but the women-only sessions are certain to find the same popularity that all-women ski clinics have found.

Maybe it's a coffee-klatch thing. Anyway, the women participants — clinic class size is limited to 12 — experience the same program of the co-ed daylong clinics which include classroom sessions, as well as lots of seat time in 3 Series BMW sedans.

The specially designed course, intended specifically for driver training, has a variety of configurations to give students intensive driving experiences ranging from skid control to avoidance techniques.

For the latter, obstacles suddenly appear in front of the moving car, and the driver must decide what combination of avoidance and use of brake or accelerator works best.

Drivers learn through experience how braking distances differ for dry and wet pavement stops. They also learn the proper techniques for applying anti-lock brakes.

The \$495 one-day course makes a nice glove-compartment stuffer for those lucky souls getting a new BMW as a present.

The course schedule can be had by calling the Performance Center's number: 888/345-4269.

The Center's program recognizes that women drivers have the same skill potential as men, but also is aware that women on the road often face different hazards.

Thus, safety tips were developed and shared with the students. Here are some of them.

1. Be ready. Have the car key in hand when approaching your car. For those with a cell phone (and it is a good idea to have one) have it pre-dialed to 911 ready to push the but-

Rolling Home
By Jeff Johnston

heat buildup and stress. Overloading increases the tire's flex which leads to the tire's failure for more heat buildup. Every tire has a maximum load rating. See TIRES, Page D4

ton And... a whole lot more effort. pet spray, v against the... 2. Look inside the car before getting in. Remote lock controls can interior lights helping to prevent crouched intruder. 3. Check for... can be... If you discover a flat, get the building and call for... 4. Make noise. If... amiss, set off your... your remote... or secret... 5. Try... one seen... of a story... different d... for an econ... 6. Once... 7. If you... your suspic... Don't let... but drive... people such as a co... Use your cell... 8. If you... at a stop sig... out or even... 9. File a "fl... night trip... someone ki... where you... ing and wh... tops you... make... Keep that pe... your prog... you've safet... nation... 10. Be... Make... in case you need to... cation... Not... and license... Practice... come in hand... times

Keane

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The transmission gate is precise and requires only a short throw. The combination of power and transmission makes the Boxster S special when it comes to "fun" driving.

The car, built low to the ground, has a great suspension. Every turn is flat even at highway speeds, which makes a winding rural road a delight to drive.

The Boxster S, however, is not cheap. The base price is \$49,930, and my tester, equipped with a few options was \$53,627.

The options included traction control, cruise control, hi-fi sound package with extra speakers, plus an AM/FM sound system with a CD player, and a wind top deflector.

The wind top deflector is composed of a section of glass behind the seats.

Even though the top was down, the interior remained quiet, and the passenger compartment retained its warmth when the heater was operating — most appreciated one chilly day.

Yet this car has a downside, which begins when getting into the seat and ends when trying to get out. Both ingress and egress are a struggle, as the interior is snug and the car sits low to the ground.

It is obvious the engineers purposely made all the parts to have a

snug fit. Even the windows lower a fraction when the door is opened and return to a full up position when the door is closed, providing an exceptional tight seal of the windows. This tight fit helps reduce exterior wind-rush noise and allows the pleasant sound of the engine be heard — like

music to the ear.

However, the audio system is ho-hum. The reception of some AM stations is not as clear as in other vehicles, and the buttons for changing programmed stations are so small I needed reading glasses to see what I was doing.

Also, changing tracks on a CD was confusing.

The Porsche people told me the reason this car doesn't have cupholders is that the German engineers don't think it is safe to drink soda or coffee while driving.

I suspect the real reason is the passenger compartment is so tight, there wasn't room to install a cupholder. The ideal cupholder location has an ashtray.

As for other stowage, the trunk will hold one carry-on piece of luggage and maybe a computer bag. The space behind the seats could hold a newspaper or two.

The Boxster S is not a family sedan. It is what it is: a powerful sports roadster intended for enjoying the open road, and it does that with charm and zest.

SPECIFICATIONS

2000 PORSCHE BOXSTER S
VEHICLE TYPE..... 2-passenger high-performance roadster
BASE PRICE..... \$49,930 (as tested: \$53,627)
ENGINE TYPE..... 6-cylinder DOHC w/SPFI
DISPLACEMENT..... 3.2-liter
HORSEPOWER (net)..... 250 at 6250 rpm
TORQUE (lb-ft)..... 225 at 4500 rpm
TRANSMISSION..... 5-speed manual
WHEELBASE..... 95 in. 2415 mm
TREAD (front/rear)..... 57 / 59 in. 1455 / 1508 mm
OVERALL LENGTH..... 171

in. 4340 mm
OVERALL WIDTH..... 70 in. 1780 mm
HEIGHT..... 51 in. 1290 mm
TURNING (curb-to-curb)..... 36 ft. 10.9 m
CURB WEIGHT..... 2,855 lbs. 1295 kg
FUEL CAPACITY..... 17 gals. 64 L
EPA MILEAGE RATING..... 18 city, 26 highway
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1947 Chevrolet woody made a perfect birthday present

Almost 40 years have come and gone, but Steve and Sharen Comstock's dating in California. In the time, partners get to know each other almost as well as they know themselves. As they dated through high school and college, she often accompanied

him to the beach, along with a surfboard secured in or on a variety of very used cars — none of them a wooden wagon.

In the summer of 1996, about nine months before Comstock's 50th birthday, his wife decided her husband needed a toy, and that it would

be a wood-sided wagon.

She wasn't particular about the make, but she was definite about the year. It had to be a 1947 model.

A nationwide search was begun for a suitable specimen.

Although she corresponded with station wagon owners far and wide,

In the summer of 1996, about nine months before Comstock's 50th birthday, his wife decided her husband needed a toy, and that it would be a wood-sided wagon.

each experience proved fruitless. After several months, the tireless wife struck gold less than 20 miles from home.

It was there she found a freshly restored 1947 maroon Chevrolet Fleetmaster station wagon with white ash framing interspersed with dark mahogany panels.

Mrs. Comstock discovered the original owner was a businessman who drove the car until 1956 and then parked the then 9-year-old car in his warehouse.

The Chevrolet remained in the warehouse for 40 years until the owner's death. A restorer purchased the old Chevrolet from the estate.

He had just completed the restoration when Comstock's wife came calling several months before her husband's birthday.

She knew this was the perfect car; however, since her husband handled the family finances she

couldn't write a check without arousing suspicion.

He would see it on the next bank statement and the element of surprise would be ruined.

She solved the dilemma by using a low interest credit card.

That way, she was able to both pay for the car and circumvent detection by her husband.

The owner of the car agreed to hold it until May 18, 1997.

Then he would deliver it to the Comstocks' home and park it at an appointed hour on the front lawn, while the birthday party was going on under a garden tent in the back yard.

In attendance were about five or

Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

six dozen guests, including family and friends from throughout the country.

The unaware Comstock thought the party was going to be his big present.

A few of the guests were privy to the plot, but no loose lips sank any ship that day.

After the car was delivered, Comstock's wife lead the parade of guests around to the front where she presented her husband with the keys to the 1947 Chevrolet saying, "These are for you."

He was surprised, grateful and speechless.

Steve Comstock also had never before driven a 1947 Chevrolet.

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DaimlerChrysler is the first company in the world to begin a sales drive for urban buses powered by fuel cells. After a development period of 10 years, the fuel cell technology (which does not produce carbon dioxide) is ready for serial production of public transit vehicles. Delivery of the first buses is set for 2002.

Doctor

FROM PAGE D4

the car should be left at the repair shop overnight.

There aren't many things to cause a brake to grab during the first drive out in the morning.

Maybe the problem is related to a sticking caliper or partly restricted brake flex line.

As for the stalling condition, I would first look at a sticking EGR valve and transmission converter lockup problem.

Have the shop disconnect both for testing purposes only. I have found both to be a common problem on GM vehicles.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1984 Nissan Maxima in-line six-cylinder automatic transmis-

sion. The car will start and idle fine in park or neutral. As soon as I put it in gear, the engine will stall.

The engine will start right back again. Despite a recent tuneup, the problem persists. Can you help? Ray

Dear Ray: The idle speed and transmission load on the engine need to be checked.

The idle speed is controlled by the computer, and if the idle speed is not set to compensate for transmission load, the engine can stall out.

If there is any engine performance issue, this will also cause stalling.

Even though you have done most of the repairs yourself, this is a problem best handled by a trained technician.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Dodge Colt station wagon. The computer burned out and has to be replaced.

I have checked parts stores and local salvage yards and cannot locate one. Otherwise, the car is in excellent condition, so I do not want to junk it. Can you help me locate a computer? Alice

Dear Alice: Consult the yellow pages and look under foreign car salvage yards.

Most salvage yards are connected to a database where finding the computer should be only a day away.

Before the computer is installed, be sure the technician checks out all circuits involved.

You can also check with a foreign auto parts specialty store for a remanufactured unit. Another option is to have your computer bench tested and repaired or rebuilt as needed.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02347

Classic

FROM PAGE D5

heel-and-toe the starter, he spent the rest of the day giving the guests rides in his birthday car.

"It runs like a clock," he reports. That it should, since all the running gear was overhauled during restoration.

When the dashboard with the 100-mph speedometer was removed for regaining, the odometer was zeroed.

The L-head, 216.5-cubic-inch, six-cylinder, 90-horsepower engine had just been renewed.

Comstock has learned that his 3,465-pound wagon sold new with a base price of \$1,893, the most expensive and the heaviest of the 1947 Chevrolet passenger cars.

The four-door wooden body was produced in Cantrell, N.Y. Only 4,912 Chevro-

let wagons were built in 1947, all classic as eight-passenger vehicles — three in the front seat, three in the rear seat and the shortened middle seat — and would have to be very lucky to observe.

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"It will run 50 mph," he says, "but it's best at 45 mph."

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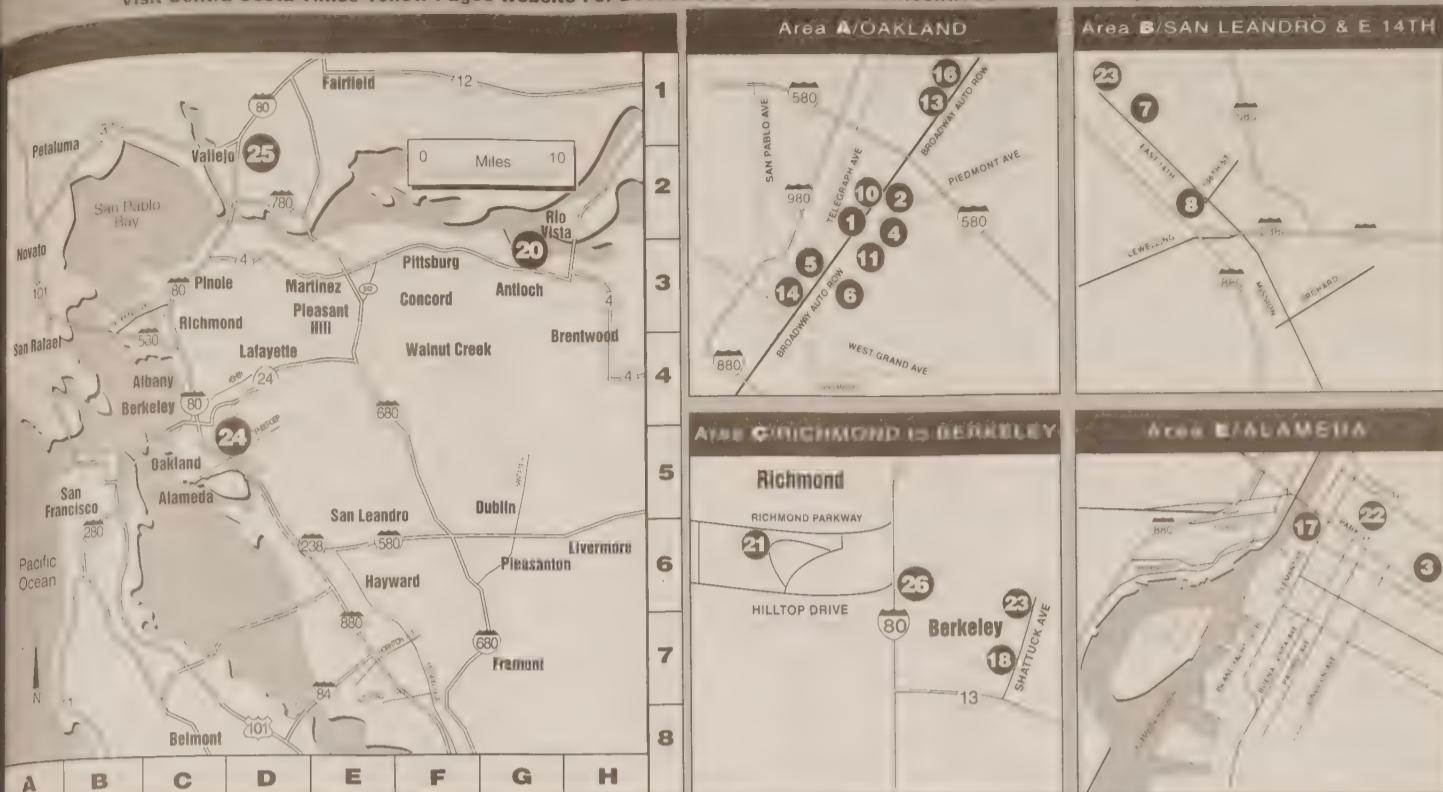
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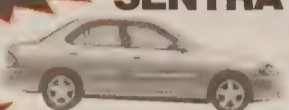
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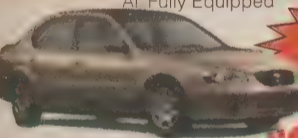
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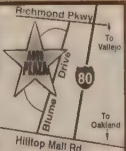
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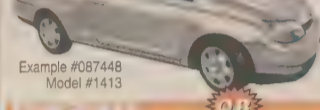
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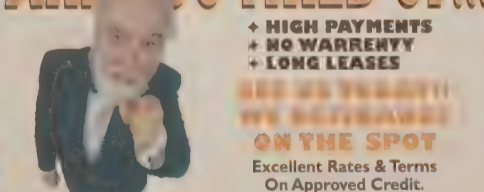
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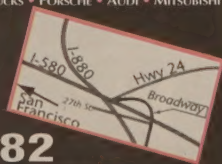
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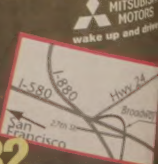
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